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## Crowding forces addition of classes

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

The increased size of the freshman class has caused problems not only in dorms, but in the classroom as well. There are roughly 400 more freshmen in this incoming class than last year, adding up to just under 2,600.

The main struggle with scheduling freshmen into classes is the fact that most freshmen happen to take the same classes.

"Fall is always hectic, because every program tells their students to start with chemistry," said Toby Block, a General Chemistry professor. Nearly all freshmen take calculus, chemistry and computing their first semester.

The Math Department is hardest hit, with about 2,450 students enrolled in some kind of math class. With the majority of students taking either Calc I or Calc II their first semester, these were the two classes with the greatest burden to bear.

According to Rena Brakebill, a

1501 professor, and the woman in charge of placing incoming freshmen into math classes, the Math Department was not unprepared for the numbers of freshmen.

"Before the freshmen arrived we were forewarned that we were going to have over 2,600 freshmen, so we added classes in anticipation," she said. What was unanticipated, however, was the number of freshmen wanting to take each course.

"Right around July we received the AP scores," Brakebill said. She helped judge which students should be placed into 1502 or 1501, (or, depending on major, into 1711 or 1712).

"Each department basically told us how they wanted their students to be pre-registered," Brakebill said. The registrar then pre-registered all incoming freshmen by hand into classes with the goal of giving each freshman 10 credit hours on their schedule by FASET.

"Before FASET I, we decided

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**Toby Block**  
Chemistry professor

What does the "P.J." in P.J. Daniels' name stand for? Find out!

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How does Tech volleyball compare to the No. 1 team in the nation?

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### JUNIOR'S: KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE?



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Hitesh Upadhyay, Jinesh Karia, Johnny Li and Atish Kalyan enjoy a meal at Junior's Grill. How is the diner coping with increased competition from new restaurants? **FOCUS** page 9

## String of thefts, break-ins raises concerns

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

Campus police issued a notice this week about a string of recent thefts on campus. This month, at least eight bicycles have been stolen and 12 cars broken into.

In an email to the student body Tuesday, Aug. 24, officer Carla Cook warned students about the crimes. Bicycles secured with either chain or cable locks are being stolen from

bike racks, she said.

In response to the problem, U-locks will be available at Barnes and Noble within two weeks.

Targeted cars include Hondas, Toyotas, Jeeps and vehicles with valuables in sight.

"If [students] see people loitering around parking areas or bike racks, they should call us," Cook said.

She said students should be wary when they are asked for money or a ride, or when they see someone enter

a building or parking garage not normally open to the public.

Students can call 404-894-2500 or press the red button at any emergency phone to contact campus police.

Cook said she hopes the email notice will help. "The last time I sent out a megamod email about our burglaries, within about two hours of that megamod going out, we did arrest one of the burglary suspects," she said.

## Six Flags tickets still available

Even though the 5,000 \$12 tickets for next week's Tech Night at Six Flags are no longer available, up to an additional 1,000 student tickets will be sold for \$15 until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31.

After either the ticket capacity or the deadline has been reached, students must purchase \$25 general tickets for the Sept. 3 outing.

Season passes will also be accepted this year as long as they are presented with a valid BuzzCard.

For more information, visit [www.sixflags.gatech.edu](http://www.sixflags.gatech.edu).

## Tech receives in-kind contribution

Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education (PACE), a corporate alliance between General Motors Corp., EDS, Sun Microsystems Inc. and UGS has entered into a \$208 million partnership with Tech.

The contribution, one of the largest ever made in-kind by a corporation to Tech, will give Tech software and other technology for use in computer education. GM will also pursue increased recruitment at Tech.

### SHOOT OUT AT THE LIBRARY



By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This past weekend, OIT for the first time hosted a LAN party, publicized mostly to freshmen. About 90 people came to the library for a virtual shoot-out in Unreal Tournament 2004.

## Tech leads in black graduation numbers

By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

According to *Black Issues in Higher Education* magazine's annual college rankings report, Tech was named the top producer of African-American engineering graduates at the master's level during the 2002-2003 academic year, awarding 31 degrees.

The Institute also ranked second behind North Carolina A&T State University in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded. North Carolina A&T State University awarded 143 bachelor's degrees, while Tech awarded 141, missing out on the first place ranking by a narrow margin.

These rankings highlight Tech's strong recruitment and retention practices. "Over the years, Tech has developed and maintained programs aimed at recruiting and graduating minority undergraduate and graduate students," said Raymond Vito, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Engineering.

Robert Haley, director of special projects in the College of Engineering, also said the success of these programs would not be possible with-

out support from administration. "You have to have a commitment, and... it has to be the commitment of the Institution, beginning with the president," Haley said.

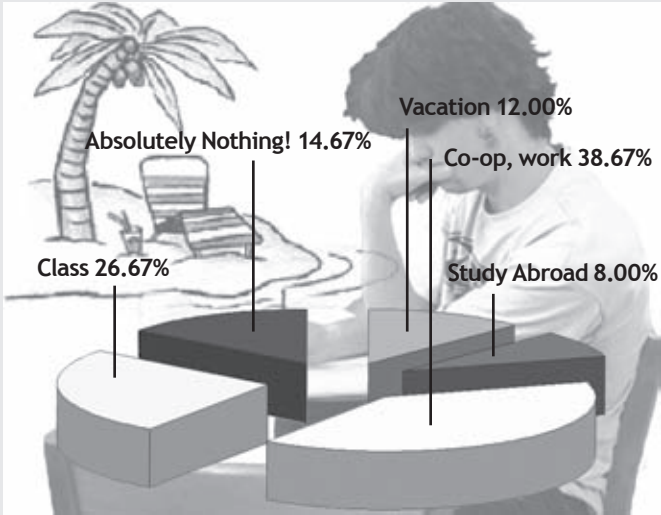
One of Tech's most successful recruitment programs is FOCUS, which is intended to attract qualified minority undergraduates to Tech's graduate programs and takes place over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Approximately 300 African-American students from more than 80 colleges and universities across the nation attend each year.

Haley, the creator and coordinator for FOCUS, said the three-day program aims to show prospective graduate students all aspects of the Institute. "When they come here, they get an opportunity to see... our president, our provost, our deans, our chairs, our faculty, our students and all the departments on campus—housing, graduate admission, communications," Haley said.

While recruitment is crucial, retention is also equally important. Haley emphasized the importance of providing an inclusive atmosphere and a strong support system

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!  
Last issue's question received 77 responses.  
What did you do over the summer?



By Jason Alcock / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

What campus location has the most crime?  
Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



Property damage	
8/18/2004	13:15:00 hrs.
Location: Kappa Sigma Fraternity	
Incident: Report of damaged headlights.	
8/18/2004	15:23:00 hrs.
Location: Baptist Center	
Incident: Report of shots fired from a pellet gun at a green 1993 Toyota Camry.	
Wanted person	
8/19/2004	21:53:00 hrs.
Location: GLC	
Incident: Offender arrested on an outstanding warrant.	

From the files of the GTPD...  
Crime Reports

Theft	
8/18/2004	10:23:00 hrs.
Location: Barnes & Noble	
Incident: Report of theft by shoplifting.	
8/18/2004	15:39:00 hrs.
Location: Undergraduate Living Center	
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.	
8/19/2004	10:42:00 hrs.
Location: 760 State Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.	
8/19/2004	11:08:00 hrs.
Location: 750 Ferst Drive	
Incident: Report of a lost/stolen cell phone.	
8/19/2004	15:49:00 hrs.
Location: Unknown	
Incident: Report of a stolen ATM card.	

Entering auto	
8/19/2004	21:11:00 hrs.
Location: Rocky Mountain Pizza	
Incident: Report that a black 1993 honda Accord was entered and items were taken.	
8/20/2004	2:47:00 hrs.
Location: 831 Marietta Street	
Incident: Report that a gray 2002 Chevy Impala was entered and items were taken.	
Traffic accident	
8/18/2004	8:09:00 hrs.
Location: Peachtree Place/Atlantic Drive/State Street	
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident.	
8/18/2004	8:34:00 hrs.
Location: IPST	
Incident: Report of a vehicle/fixed object accident.	

Corrections

- In the Aug. 20 Entertainment section, the local restaurant guide described Fifth Street Ribs & Blues as “the only place you can buy beer with a BuzzCard.” Ribs & Blues does accept BuzzCard for food and drink orders, but not for beer.
- In the Aug. 20 Focus section article “After one year, Tech Square continues to grow,” restaurants and shops north of Fifth Street were described as being part of Technology Square. These retailers are actually part of Centergy, a related but separate development created by Kim King Associates, Inc. and Gateway Development Services.

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# UHR fills executive vacancies

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives elected two executive officers and three members-at-large Tuesday, filling vacancies left over after April's elections.

Aaron Bivins will serve as the new secretary after running unopposed at Tuesday night's meeting.

After hearing speeches from three candidates for the position of treasurer, representatives moved to a closed session to choose Ambika Bumb to fill the executive role.

Bumb cited prior experience with JFC and specific ideas for future financial management,

including using better investments to grow SGA's funds.

Another series of speeches from four candidates and another closed session later, UHR elected Well Welch, Christopher Rankine and Aaron Marr as the new members-at-large. They will represent the undergraduate student body as a whole.

A chorus of representatives recited their oath of office as they were officially sworn in before getting down to the business of bill passage.

A series of votes by unanimous acclamation saw the official appointments of JCOC Chair Ed Greco and JFC Chair David Andersen, as well as the undergrad executive officers and committee chairs.

The undergrads also brought one allocation bill into old business for consideration Tuesday night; an allocation to Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags.

"They [JFC] need the money to subsidize these tickets," said Matt Ridley, vice president of administrative affairs. "Let's consider this now." The measure passed with little discussion.

Special guests at the meeting included Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Roz Meyers, Auxiliary Services Communications Officer Melissa Moore and new CRC Director Mike Edwards.

Edwards spoke of the CRC's offerings, saying, "Don't always work those books; come over and work the other part, too."



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

New UHR representatives Roberto Blackman, Robert Eads, Joey Sanchez and Cleave Fann raise their hands as they recite their oath of office. All undergraduate SGA reps were sworn in at Tuesday night's meeting.

## WHERE IS YOUR MONEY GOING?

*Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association*

Undergraduate House of Representatives		
Title	Author	Status
Joint appointment of JFC chair	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint appointment of JCOC chair	Amy Phuong	Passed
Student council executive appointments	Amy Phuong	Passed
Student council committee chair appointments	Amy Phuong	Passed
Appointment to Institute Committee	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags	Amy Phuong	Passed
Resolution expressing condolences	Amy Phuong	Passed
Graduate Student Senate		
Graduate Student Senate fall 2004 picnic	Kasi David	Passed
Joint appointment of JFC chair	Kasi David	Passed
Appointment of graduate chief justice	Kasi David	Passed
Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags	Kasi David	Passed
Appontment of graduate student senator	Kasi David	Passed
Joint allocation to Student Government Association	Kasi David	Passed

# Graduates appoint new senators, okay new sign

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate started off its first meeting of the year with just eight senators in attendance Tuesday morning.

Executive Vice President Lisa Brown started the meeting with a plea for senators to hang fliers in their respective departments to attract more membership.

"Obviously, as you can see," she said, "we need some more senators."

Two more were added soon thereafter as a bill to appoint two senators was brought from new business to old; last year's GSS president Pelham Norville rejoined the senate for another year, this time on the other side of the podium. The bill was amended to also add Stewart

Jenkins as a new senator.

The meeting progressed quickly, with all bills brought from new to old business for unanimous passage.

The one exception came with a joint allocation to the Student Government Association.

The bill was to allocate \$3,000 to the SGA for the purchase of a new sign to hang outside the SGA office in the Student Center Commons.

Ed Greco, newly-appointed Joint Campus Organization Chair, said the cost was too high for a sign.

"I don't think it's worth \$3,000 dollars for a sign," he said, "especially when we're so frugal with how we spend money on other organizations."

Other senators pointed out the need to make the SGA office accessible for those wanting to submit bills. The measure passed 8-2-1.

## SLIVER

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The new whistle sucks ass. Somebody, please steal it.  
blah is such a cool word  
I went to Tech for 5 years, liked it so much I WORK here now. Go Jackets!  
my friend just paid \$100 to park in Villanova for a year...  
Who wouldn't like Anchorman???  
i want to know why the sliver box isn't printed on the web, too!!!  
Heh...Woody's has ass cookies and ass cakes...seriously, that's what the sign said!  
hello  
hello  
i'm confused  
goodbye scott, i'll miss you. good luck in virginia!!!  
JMIG for ever  
JMIG for ever  
Man, I want to be a freshman again...  
Freshman: Here is a good game to play during finals week - Get some foam pipe insulation and cut it to about two arms length. Then stand on opposite sides of the dorm room and hurl them at the other  
Warning: If you're going to play the physical fighting game watch out for tumors. I know it's hard to believe, but it happens... trust me.  
Also watch out for AIDS.  
I enjoy the handshakes after the poker games  
Green!.... BURN  
Snuggle Time! - Everyone's included  
Graduate school.... GRE... gotta look into that sometime soon  
JMIVSUMTG - This does mean something  
I think that History of Art over a Foreign Language looks better to employers  
You have been had in Notepad - also a good game (cause we all lock our computers)  
You have been had in the Technique... not as good of a burn

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# Clough appoints new director of affiliated orgs

By Art Seavey  
Development Editor

The increasing use of private funds for capital projects combined with expanding technology ventures prompted President Clough to appoint Pat McKenna to the new position of executive director for affiliated organizations.

"The position Pat is filling relates to the growing complexity of Georgia Tech and our need for specialized organizations to do the things we need to do now and in the future," Clough said in an email.

Tech works closely with 10 of these non-profit groups. Many have existed for a long time and figure prominently on campus.

"Georgia Tech for years has had

a number of affiliated organizations that enable Georgia Tech as an Institution to do things that it can't do strictly as a state institution," McKenna said.

"The Georgia Tech Alumni Association, the Athletic Association, the Georgia Tech Research Corporation and the Georgia Tech Foundation are all really first class examples of how those types of organizations surrounding a state institution can do things that contribute...to the overall mission of the Institution," he said.

In the business sense, these organizations are not strictly a part of Tech, but rather are individually functioning entities.

The groups' distinct status allows Tech to answer campus needs in

creative ways and often complete projects much more quickly than had they relied on the typical state process, he said.

McKenna has worked with a number of affiliated organizations, including the Georgia Tech Foundation.

"One that I've been working with for several years is Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc., he said. "Facilities is able to borrow money, build a facility for Georgia Tech, then basically lease it back to Tech and if you would, finance a building over a period of time," he said.

Technology Square along with the Campus Recreation Center were both built through the work of Facilities in conjunction with

financial support from the Georgia Tech Foundation. Additionally, the Student Health Center and the family apartments were made possible through borrowing methods unavailable to the Institute, he said.

According to McKenna, his position will initially focus on the newer organizations such as Georgia Advanced Technology Ventures, Southern Light Rail Inc. and Facilities.

These are "principle examples of new entities that are being brought in to do innovative and creative things. My job is just to be sure that those are run and maintained separately from Georgia Tech but, in a responsible way," he said.

McKenna will not retain any budgetary control and will be less

involved with the more established affiliated organizations. Primarily he will serve as their liaison with Clough. "It's very much a coordinating and facilitating role," McKenna said.

This position will require McKenna to work at the intersection of "technological, legal and financial issues," Clough said. "Pat is uniquely qualified to do this because he is a Tech grad who went on to obtain a law degree, and he has worked at Tech for over 20 years in a variety of capacities that relate to the new position."

McKenna said he will also serve to make sure Tech is following newly modified Board of Regents' policies concerning affiliated organizations.

## Classes from page 1

that we were pretty much set, that we had the right amount of seats for everyone" Brakebill said, "but after FASET I, we discovered that they weren't the right sort of seats."

It turned out that some of the students who had AP Calc credit, and who should have been placed in 1502, did not take the credit and wanted to be placed in 1501.

"So we were kind of in a fix. We had expanded as much as we could with hiring more TAs, and making the class size bigger. But the funding was an issue at that point," Brakebill said. Additional funds were needed to hire more TAs and instructors. In FASET I alone, over 30 students dropped from 1502 to 1501.

At that rate, the Math department was not going to be able to accommodate all who wanted to take Calc I. "Dr. [Bob] McMath came to the rescue," Brakebill said. "He offered us some financial assistance. And we were able to hire two new graduate students."

McMath, vice provost of undergraduate studies and academic affairs, agreed. "The Provost's office provided additional funding for some of the most heavily impacted departments so they could add additional sections."

"In general I think it worked pretty well, given the increase in the number of students," McMath said.

The Schools of Chemistry and Biology saw problems of their own when it came to scheduling laboratory times. "For the basic laboratory sciences courses there was an absolute limit based on the number of spaces available in the labs," McMath said.

There are only a certain number of labs and each lab can only fit so many people. According to Block, lab times go as late as 10 p.m.

This past week, an additional Friday night Chemistry lab section was added to the schedule

"This is certainly not a great time for a lab," McMath said, "but it shows that the departments were doing everything possible to make space available for freshmen."

The absolute size of a lecture

room, the largest of which can contain at maximum 240 students to ensure that everyone can have a seat, has also been an obstacle in scheduling classes. The normal size of a chemistry class has grown from 200 students to 230 students. "Usually we have about 1,300 students," Block said, "but this year we have about 1,450."

Schools realize the problems of increased class size. "We discovered it's very hard when every seat is taken. The newcomer can't get into the middle row, and if you were in the very last row it is hard to see the board and it can be hard to see the teacher," Block said.

To make up for these disadvantages, most Chemistry teachers use the large projection screens for notes instead of the black board, and use microphones. The increased class size also means increased traffic in and out of classes. With so many students

trying to enter and exit a class at the same time, said Block, "Tests are going to be strange."

The increased number of students also means that the class day is longer for some freshmen.

"Certainly some freshmen are having classes early and late, but that's better than not being able to get them at all, or so it seems to me," McMath said.

The larger class sizes affect not only individual students, but also the Institute as a whole. In the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings for 2005, Tech was ranked at 41st among national universities, down three spots from last year. Though Georgia Tech consistently attains high rankings in areas such as peer assessment, the school's perceived quality among its peers—where it received a 4.0 this year—variables such as class size, faculty resources, and faculty-to-student ratios lower Tech's ranking in *U.S. News & World Report's* yearly assessment.

"Our reputational measurements continue to rank very well," Institute President Wayne Clough said in a press release, "but when it comes to variables like class size, we've lost ground with our competition. When you compete at the highest level nationally, even a percentage point or two can make a difference."

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at Tech.

The Georgia Tech Chapter of the Society of Black Engineers (GTSBE), for example, seeks to help African-American students meet Tech's rigorous demands. "Our purpose once they get here to campus is to develop the students more...[in the areas of] cultural responsibility, professional success and academic success," said Charles Norwood, president of GTSBE.

"It's a continuum of things that we put in place to ensure success for all of our students," Haley said. "We like to say that our programs go from K to Ph.D...that Georgia Tech is an institution where you will feel at home, and Atlanta is a city where you will feel at home."

Both Haley and Norwood mentioned Atlanta's richness as a city as well as the popular dual degree program with the Atlanta University Center and Atlanta's historically black colleges and universities as

additional assets for Tech.

At the bachelor's level, other institutions in the top five included North Carolina State University at Raleigh with 85 degrees awarded, Tennessee State University with 79, and Florida A&M University with 77. Besides Tech and NC State, the three other institutions, including No. 1-ranked North Carolina A&T State University, are historically black colleges and universities.

Despite strong rankings, Tech continues to develop its programs further. "We recently expanded our interactions with the Atlanta University Center Colleges," Vito said.

Haley also said that there was room for improvement in providing programs for those who wish to return to school from industry, and also in encouraging minority students to pursue Ph.Ds and go into academia. "We can't become complacent; we know that competition is always nipping at your heels, so...we will continue to raise the bar," he said.

## OBITUARY

Georgia Tech lost a member of its community when Billy Newbold passed away Sunday, Aug. 15.

Newbold, 19, was about to return for his second year at Tech as a Chemistry major.

His friends described him as "tough, funny, generous and very much a friendly person." He left them with fond memories, and "was selfless and loyal to his friends."

He is survived by his parents, William and Catherine Newbold, as well as his brother Brett and sister Brittany.

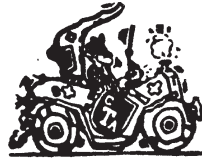
The funeral service was held last Wednesday.

"He will be deeply missed by a wealth of friends from his hometown of Alpharetta," said his friends, "and, of course, here in Atlanta."



# OPINIONS

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## Quote of the week:

"If you treat people right, they will treat you right—90 percent of the time."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

# Don't forget Junior's

With the recent addition of several new restaurants in Technology Square, students have forsaken their old friend, Junior's Grill. Junior's has seen its business decrease to only 200-250 customers on average during the day, with another 100 customers at night since the opening of restaurants in Technology Square and the Student Center Commons.

Simply put, this situation is troubling. Junior's has been serving hot food to the Tech community since 1948. Located behind Tech Tower, Junior's has been one of students' favorite spots to relax and take a break from everything. Hanging on the walls are photos from Tech's glory days and memorabilia, including a piece of the goalpost from our last national championship football game. Perhaps now is the time for returning students to pay a visit to their old friend, and for new students to discover one of our oldest traditions.

Tommy Klemis, the owner of Junior's Grill, has been one of the student body's most loyal friends. He greets everyone with a smile and knows many of his patrons by name. He happily gives free food during Homecoming and other activities.

To attract new business, Junior's has updated its menu, extended its hours and added a coffee bar called "Junior's Juice and Java." While we are fans of the salads and veggie burgers, we feel the coffee and juice bar is a mistake. Junior's shouldn't trade trendy gimmicks for tradition. Instead, fight the "man."

We have a few suggestions to help keep the Junior's tradition alive. First, Junior's serves a great breakfast and hot line, but the items are not offered all day. During the extended hours, breakfast and hot line items should be available. With its proximity to the library, Junior's is an ideal place to go with a group during a study break, and what hungry student doesn't love late night breakfasts? Waffle House has built an empire on the concept. Freshmen need to be educated about the history of Junior's. One way to reach them would be to host a Junior's Night geared towards freshmen, similar to last year's program for juniors. The time to reach freshmen is now because the restaurant is a short walk from their East Campus dorms.

Finally, Junior's needs to further tap into the rest of the Tech community. We would love to see new sports memorabilia, such as pieces from the Final Four. In addition, by opening on game days, particularly during football season, Junior's could reach alumni who haven't had the food since their college years. Junior's could advertise itself as the ideal place to hold alumni events and student group gatherings, perhaps with special group and/or party rates.

In the meantime, we encourage students to revisit an old friend, or acquaint themselves with a new one.

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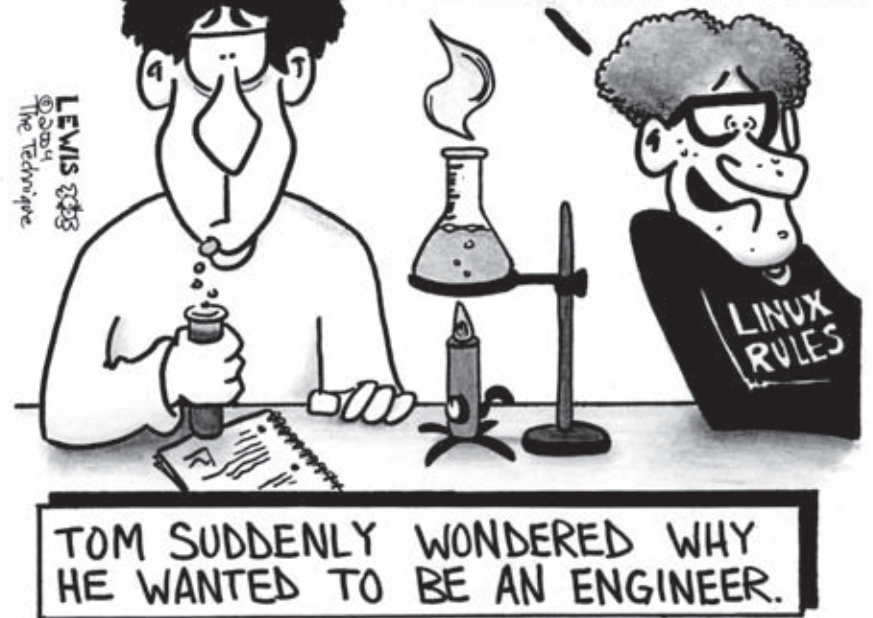
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WE'RE SO LUCKY TO GET THIS FRIDAY NIGHT CHEM LAB! IT'S WAY MORE INTERESTING THAN DRINKING BEER AT SOME PARTY WITH SCANTILY CLAD WOMEN. DO YOU WATCH THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, CUZ I SAW THIS SHOW ON ALIENS...



By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Web presence needs restructuring

The main Tech website, [www.gatech.edu](http://www.gatech.edu), was redesigned this past week. This redesign provides me with the opportunity to comment.

First, I'd like to congratulate whoever did the redesign. The less cluttered, brighter layout is a welcome improvement over the brown on gray of the last design. I've been a student here for four years and in that time have seen two complete [www.gatech.edu](http://www.gatech.edu) redesigns, but I have yet to see progress across the subdomains of [gatech.edu](http://gatech.edu) as a whole. My goals for this editorial are to present the case for a unified Tech information space and to provide one option for getting there.

First off, an information space is the body of knowledge contained at a specific location. The location can either be physical, such as the Tech Library, the Archives, a textbook or reference volume, or virtual, like [microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com) or [sourceforge.net](http://sourceforge.net). Information in a space is related and preferably cross referenced, it's the size of the network in Metcalfe's Law. The larger and more interconnected a space is, the more valuable, as you can go to a single location to find what you seek.

The problem with Tech's web presence is that there is no consistency across the pages in the [gatech.edu](http://gatech.edu) subdomains. Each department seems to maintain its own site with only token efforts to relate to the others. This fractures the information space into smaller pieces, which are less useful than one big space. From the student end, this means that we have to recall the department, domain and how to navigate the department's site for every piece of information we need. From the author end, it means that multiple sites have to be updated for one change in information. In both cases, time and effort is wasted.

An example: When returning to Tech for the fall, a hypothetical stu-



"Success can only be achieved if departmental webmasters give up control...to a central group and focus on content."

**Karl Guertin**  
Online Editor

dent wants to see the school calendar ([registrar.gatech.edu](http://registrar.gatech.edu)), move in day for the dorms ([housing.gatech.edu](http://housing.gatech.edu)) or success ([success.gatech.edu](http://success.gatech.edu)), class schedule ([oscar.gatech.edu](http://oscar.gatech.edu)) and pay tuition and related fees ([not.bursar.gatech.edu](http://not.bursar.gatech.edu)), buried in [oscar.gatech.edu](http://oscar.gatech.edu).

For each subdomain, the student has to remember the domain name, figure out the organizational structure and find the information on the site.

This is too much work, so the wise student just uses Google and finds the information in a fraction of the time. This isn't uncommon for large sites—Google does a good job of pulling the entire web into one information space. However, a site where Google is more efficient than normal site navigation is always disappointing.

Fractured information space and conflicting designs were okay in 1995 when the technology to fix these problems didn't exist and central control would be a bottleneck. Web technology, however, has matured dramatically, and centralized control of a website's appearance and navigation is not only possible, it's easy.

Tech's websites really need a single content management system (CMS). The system would have to have a lower barrier of entry or a higher value than creating or updating an existing page. A custom solution like Buzzport should be able to achieve a low barrier of entry.

The second essential component is flexibility. Flexibility is important

because it's simpler to use a tool the second time. This is where Buzzport fails—it's simply not worth the time to learn a new system when the current one works. With a flexible CMS, students and professors—or, more likely, their TAs—can use the same system for the syllabus, class website and lab instructions.

Is this asking too much? I think not. Such a solution exists and is freely available: the wiki. Wikis are already used in the two colleges that have usability experts: the College of Computing and the College of Architecture. I advocate expanding wiki usage to cover everything Tech-related.

Consider the world's largest wiki, Wikipedia. Wikipedia is an attempt to create a freely available encyclopedia, and they do a fairly credible job of it. The problems they face are remarkably similar to what the Tech web group faces.

The site relies on tens of thousands of content producers to freely contribute articles. Tech relies on far fewer faculty and staff to do the same. The programmers for Wikipedia solved the problem by creating a very powerful and simple markup language and asking people to help.

Wikipedia is far larger and gets far more traffic than Tech's pages will ever receive, they work with fewer resources, cover more material, and are more consistent and cross-

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# Students should turn out to polls this fall

I still remember the first presidential election I ever “voted” in—I was nine years old, and my fourth grade class held a mock 1992 presidential election. We even had our own debates with two boys playing George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

However, in our debates, the actors gave speeches on who would give us more recess time, improve school lunches and cut classroom time because my teacher told us to only talk about the issues that mattered to us. When it came time to cast our ballots on Nov. 2, 1992, 100 percent of my class of 26 students voted.

Now according to national statistics based on the 2000 election results, approximately nine of those 26 students will vote in this year’s election.

In the last presidential election, the 18-24 age group had the lowest voter turnout. Last week’s *Technique* reported that Georgia was below the national average for voter turnout.

Since the fourth grade pseudo election, I’ve voted in countless mock and student government elections, but this November will be my first time voting in a presidential election.

I’ve waited 12 long years before I finally reached the age where I could make my vote count, and I cannot imagine why



“How hard would it be to stop by the Student Center in between classes to make a decision?”

**Kimberly Rieck**  
Opinions Editor

other people would not want to make their voices heard.

The results of this election year will directly impact the future of the nation, and in particular, 100 percent of the people in the nation’s 18-24 year-old age group, not just the less than 40 percent who turned out at the polls four years ago. However, this year in particular, there are several pressing issues including the Iraq war, the economy, unemployment and privacy issues that should concern you.

In 1972, the year that 18-year-olds were first allowed to vote, over half of the age group voted, according to CBS News.

Motivating young voters has become the major focus of a number of groups this year. Some of the biggest groups targeting college-age voters include MTV’s Choose or Lose, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, Rock the Vote and the U.S. State Department’s Election Focus 2004. In addition, there’s a youth

voter initiative called “Declare Yourself” that is moving the Declaration of Independence around the country. All of the aforementioned groups are non-partisan.

Several campus groups are also working together to try to get Tech students to vote this year.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has formed the Civic Relations Committee, a nonpartisan committee that will help push for political awareness on campus.

Also according to the *Nique*, the College Democrats and the College Republicans are both planning voter registration drives and other election-related events.

I realize Tech has its share of apathetic students, and you may be one of them.

With classes starting up recently, I can understand how many of you may not have had the time to register and research

the issues.

To find out about the issues, try tuning into CNN or Fox News for a few weeks, and you’ll be caught up to speed in no time.

As for the actual registering and voting processes, every Tech student has a computer and everyone passes by the Student Center at least once a day.

As long as you are a U.S. Citizen, you can register to vote at Tech by virtue of being a student here. All voting takes place in the Student Center.

You can register to vote at Tech online through the Secretary of State’s website ([www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us)). The deadline is Oct. 4.

If you’re an out-of-state student and want to vote for your state and local officials, you don’t even have to send off for an absentee ballot form anymore.

Several sites are making it possible to register online. An example is MTV’s Choose or Lose headquarters ([www.mtv.com/chooseorlose](http://www.mtv.com/chooseorlose)).

How hard would it be to stop by the Student Center in between classes to make a decision that will impact history?

If you want to have a say about what opportunities you’ll have available to you after graduation, among countless other future events, then turn out to the polls Nov. 2.

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### HOT- or -NOT



#### LAN parties

Normally, spending your first Saturday night of college holed up in the library or playing with your computer is a bad idea. But last weekend’s LAN party at the library, sponsored by OIT, was the exception to the rule. Freshmen had the chance to embrace their geeky side while still interacting with other human beings, a combination that’s hard to achieve. Besides, who doesn’t love Halo?



#### Dude, where’s my bike?

Imagine the horror of finding your treasured Schwinn clipped from its rack, and then you know how the poor souls who’ve had their bikes and cars broken into this month feel. At least eight bikes have been stolen this past month, and twelve cars have been broken into. The *Nique* offers its condolences to the victims of these crimes. Hopefully with the increased awareness, crime will decrease.



#### Down with the booth

Instead of serving as an eyesore to the IC lot, the unused parking booth has suddenly disappeared. We always expected to crash into pedestrians or cars coming around the corner, but now we have room to maneuver. For our safety, though, we need a speed bump. People zoom around the corner too quickly.



#### Bricks everywhere

We’re all for campus beautification, but why on earth did Tech waste money on bricks for the top of Curran Parking Deck? The volleyball and basketball courts are more than enough for the space. Why shut down pedestrian use to lay bricks in an area that’s barely seen? Next time, save the bricks, and our money

## Olympic coverage falls short

**Kimberly Mason**  
*Northwestern Star*

(U-WIRE) DeKalb, Ill. —

It has been about a week and a half since the Olympics started, and I’m already sick of the game.

The first nauseating thing, or shall I say, person, that comes to mind is Michael Phelps, aka “Aquaman.”

The man who refuses to wear anything but a Speedo was on the cover of numerous magazines and television shows.

The media have hyped this 19-year-old to be the swimmers’ Carl Lewis, yet the announcers spoke with such excited criticism when he received two bronze medals.

Once again, the fickle media has built up a hero only to criticize his so-called “failed” endeavors.

Further dragging down the spirit of the Olympics are the annoying announcers who shred the gymnasts’ routines.

Paul Hamm’s performance is one example. After his fall, one announcer stated: “There is no way he will be able to win gold. Paul Hamm should just aim for a medal if he is lucky.”

It is a good thing the athletes don’t hear such pessimistic comments.

For Paul Hamm to win gold, he needed to receive a score of 9.822 on a 10-point scale. Hamm received a 9.832 and won the gold—despite the odds (and with help from inept scorekeepers).

Of course, the announcers immediately jumped back on the bandwagon, labeling Hamm the hero and the superstar of the men’s Olympic team. I would like to see the sadistic commentators do a routine on the high bar.

Let’s see what they have to say after that. The media has tarnished the true essence of the Olympics, which is taking home a medal—and representing your country respectably.

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# BUZZ

*Around the Campus*  
What’s your favorite on-campus restaurant?



**Brandon Gray**  
Fourth-year BMED

*“Junior’s is my favorite. The staff is friendly, food is great.”*



**John Bonds**  
Fourth-year EE

*“My favorite is Pizza Hut. I love it because it’s quick, cheap and easy.”*



**Michelle Rivero**  
Second-year ME

*“Tin Drum. The Pad Thai is really good.”*



**Wiljeana Jackson**  
Fifth-year IE

*“Jackets: great food and nice ambiance.”*

Photos by Antoine Townes

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referenced than Tech's pages. The average Wikipedia article is much more useful than the average gatech.edu page.

Tech has the advantage of having more motivated contributors and a tighter focus, but since we lack the community and single information space that Wikipedia has, we can't leverage these advantages to create a better site.

The biggest barrier to achieving this goal is not technical, but social. Mass web integration across divisions in any large organization is generally stopped by departments that don't want to lose control of "their" information.

Success can only be achieved if departmental webmasters give up control over the appearance of their pages to a central group and instead focus on the content. Doing this multiplies the design and programming efforts of that central group and enables progress on a single, unified solution rather than a dozen re-inventions of the wheel.

Our beloved MaTech is expected to be a technology leader. Currently, the Tech web experience is terrible.

I sincerely believe that Tech can demonstrate its technological leadership by converting all of its information pages to a wiki and producing a superior web experience than our peer institutions.

My goal here is to start a dialog, so I encourage anybody who has an interest in the future of Tech web pages to join the tech-web@lists.nique.net mailing list.

**BLINDED BY SCIENCE A TECH PERSPECTIVE ON SCIENCE ISSUES****Don't blame the messenger, blame the weather**

It seems to have become a stereotype in the entertainment business now: the bungling weatherman who couldn't predict the weather if his life depended on it.

I even heard a commercial on the radio the other day that featured a weatherman telling listeners something like "Today there will be a 50 percent chance of rain and a 50 percent chance of sun, so make sure to bring an umbrella...and some sunscreen."

I understand that depictions such as these are all in jest, but they come out of an increasingly skeptical attitude that much of the public holds towards meteorologists.

I know that as a meteorology student, I've been asked on numerous occasions why weather forecasts can be so inaccurate and why meteorologists have trouble predicting things like the formation of tornadoes and the exact path of hurricanes.

The truth of the matter is that, well, it is really hard.

To say that the atmosphere is a complicated system is certainly an understatement, and I don't think that many people consider this.

And unfortunately, there is a lot we still don't understand, though researchers are working hard to gain further insight into atmospheric processes so that they can continue to improve their predictions.

People need to realize that we cannot make perfect forecasts: we may not ever be able to.

I also think that a lot of the mis-



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**Andrea Thompson**  
Columnist

conceptions about meteorology arise from an ignorance of what certain terms or expressions mean.

One of the most common complaints I hear goes something like this: "There was a 60 percent chance of rain today, why didn't we get any?"

Well, what many people don't realize is that that expression means that 60 percent of the forecast area will get rain, not that you will get rain for 60 percent of the day in one area.

You just happened to be in the 40 percent of the area that didn't get rain (probably because you actually brought your umbrella with you to class).

Now I'm not trying to suggest that the public is always to blame for these misconceptions just because they don't know the exact definitions of terms like relative humidity.

I think that meteorologists should make a more concerted effort to educate the public and make these concepts more accessible.

But it does kind of surprise me that more people aren't interested

in learning about something that affects them every day.

A better understanding of weather and weather related phenomena could certainly save many lives.

A prime example of such a situation is Hurricane Charley and the shift that it took from the primary projected path issued by the National Hurricane Center.

I read an article on CNN.com, that interviewed an NHC meteorologist, who told the reporter that he was surprised that so many people were caught off guard by the path shift.

When the path of a hurricane is predicted, a margin of error is always included, which is why the path projection has a cone shape.

Tampa was predicted to be most likely spot for the hurricane to hit, but the areas that actually received the brunt of the hurricane were well within the cone projection.

Unfortunately, the media and the public seized on the Tampa prediction and only that area was really evacuated, when anyone within that projected cone should have left.

Some say they were caught off guard by the rapid intensification of the hurricane, that if they had known it would reach category four status, they would have evacuated.

But when it comes to hurricanes, you have to expect the unexpected.

The truth is that this intensification process is common but not well understood, and therefore difficult to predict.

Many lives could have been saved if the public and the media understood these facts.

Education in these areas certainly needs to be improved, and it is up to both the public and meteorologists to make strides at the gaps in this knowledge.





# FOCUS

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## ALL'S NOT WELL IN THE ACC

The ACC expansion is great for football, but basketball coaches are complaining. The *Nique* takes a closer look at the issues involved. **Page 24**

## SNEAKER-PIMPIN' IT

Sneaker Pimps, a traveling exhibit featuring quirky sneakers and other shoe art, came to Little Five Points for the weekend. **Page 15**



# Junior's struggles to match competition

*Despite loyal patrons, Junior's expands hours, food offerings in hopes of increasing business*

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

"Junior's is awesome!" said Andrew Pilsch, a fifth-year Science, Technology, and Culture/Computer Science major. "The chicken fingers win at life."

Students like Pilsch are why Junior's Grill—that classic restaurant with a permanent foothold in Tech's campus since 1948—is holding its ground in the face of increasing competition from Technology Square and the new Student Center Commons. Pandini's, Jackets, Moe's, Tin Drum Asian Cafe and other restaurants are offering students a slew of new on-campus dining options for the first time in decades.

But Junior's, tucked away neatly behind Tech Tower, is still alive thanks to a fiercely loyal fan base of sophomores and upperclassmen.

Nevertheless, Tommy Klemis, the restaurant's owner, did report numbers that dwindled in correlation to the campus expansion. Junior's now averages only 200 to 250 customers during the day, with another 100 in the evening.

Some of Junior's regular cus-

tomers have also noticed a drop in business.

"I do feel like the crowd size has lessened since I was a freshman," said Keyur Vimawala, a fourth-year Computer Science major. "I think the addition of the research buildings and classrooms around Tech Square have made students take advantage of the convenience of eating [there]."

This has prompted Klemis to introduce some changes.

"[We're trying] to change our menus and other alternatives to make Junior's a destination place, especially at night," he said. "We're adding a coffee bar, Junior's Juice and Java...We've

introduced...turkey burgers and veggie burgers. We now have five fresh-made salads daily."

Junior's has also expanded its hours to include Sundays, when it is open from noon to 8 p.m. to accommodate students studying in the library. The Juice and Java will be open daily and will serve smoothies in addition to cappuccinos and other traditional coffee drinks. Klemis said that he hopes this will attract students who don't have time to make it over to the restaurant



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

With the opening of new restaurants in Technology Square and the Student Center Commons, Junior's Grill is trying to update its menu, decor and atmosphere to attract more students, especially freshmen.

during the day.

There will be utilitarian changes as well, including a new floor and ceiling tiles slated for installation in December. Klemis is also actively seeking student music groups to provide afternoon and evening entertainment "for our customers to help us to create a relaxed culture for the east side of campus."

"My hope is that the freshmen, who usually don't discover Junior's until their sophomore year or later, will get to know that there is an alternative on the East Campus," Klemis said, "and that they could find it to be a relaxing and friendly place where they could meet with...their fellow students."

Freshmen are a special target be-

cause, he said, new students usually hear about Junior's through word of mouth. These are the customers who will replace the graduating seniors.

"We'd like to let them know that Junior's is very cheap," he said. "The food is cheap and good and fast and

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# Economy up, but grad school still attractive

By Marcela Musgrove  
Staff Writer

"What do I do next with my life?"

This question is very much on the mind of graduating seniors. Around this time last year, many college seniors were fleeing the job market by applying to gradu-

ate school instead, and this was evident in Tech's graduate admissions statistics for 2003.

"[The economy] is definitely part of the trend in seeing graduate students coming back," said Gail Potts, director of graduate admissions. "Any time the job market decreases, the trend is to come back to school."

However, it looks like this year's post-graduation job market is getting better. Though it can be hard to separate fact from fiction during an election year, it seems like students are having less trouble finding jobs than a year ago.

Ralph Mobley, director of Career Services, also agreed that

going straight to graduate school may not always be the wisest decision. "If you put the same time and energy you'd use for graduate school into finding a job, you'll find a job," he said.

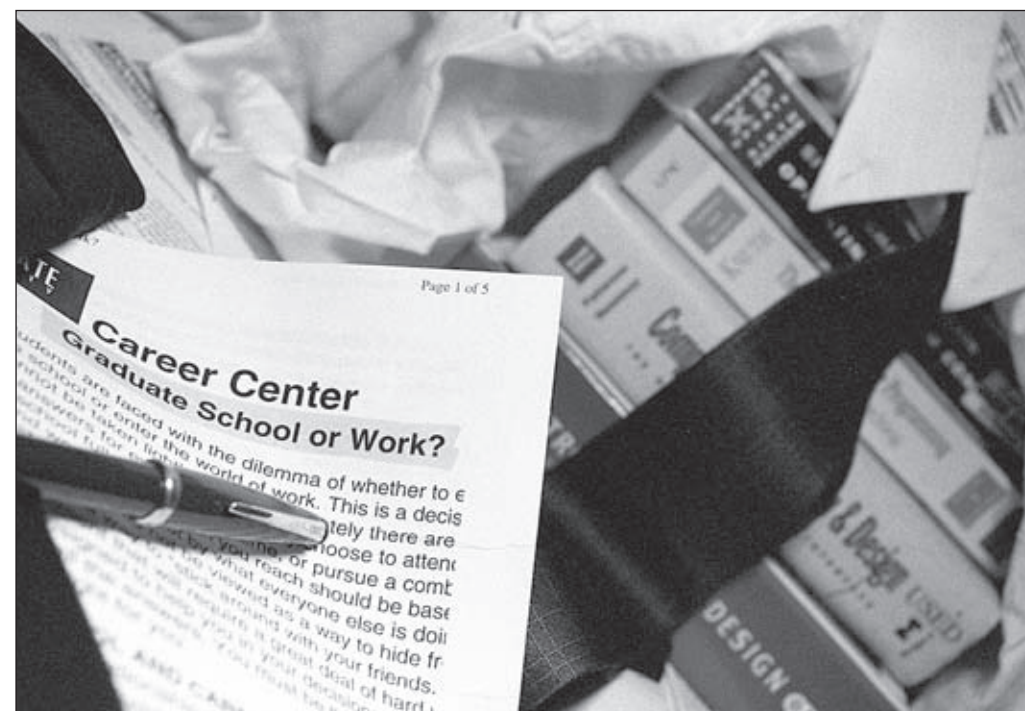
In 2004, according to Potts, "Things settled down and went back to a more normal number of applications." This is in con-

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**Gail Potts**  
Director of graduate admissions

trast to 2003, where, Potts said, "We did see...a very substantial increase in applications and...we heard from schools all over the country that they also saw a very large increase in the number of graduate applications."

Michael Dance is one student who took the graduate school route last year. A current



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A rosier economy in 2004? Regardless of the hype, this year's seniors still have to make a choice: take up the books and go to graduate school, or don a shirt and tie for job interviews.

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## Racecar, students make dynamic team

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

Tech broke new ground last February in the field of professional racing when it announced its affiliation with The Spark, a race car that sports the Institute's logo and colors. Larry Huang, the car's owner and driver, turned the affiliation into an educational opportunity when he invited three Tech students to join his racing team.

"We had the GT Motorsports car out on display for the unveiling of Tech Square last fall, and Larry saw our car...and noticed that we run the same engine controller and data acquisition system as The Spark," said Scott Flanagan, who graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering last May. "I was invited to become part of the team."

Flanagan extended the invitation to Matt Stephens, also a recent Mechanical Engineering graduate, and Kevin Bray, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major.

The trio joined Silverstone Racing—the car's manufacturer—as trackside engineers and members of the pit crew.

Flanagan oversees engine tuning, fuel economy, and traction control, among other electronic systems. He also directs the suspension setup of the car during practice sessions. "I have been creating some software tools to make more efficient use of our time at the track."

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## R&D Roundup:

### THE SCIENCE OF SEX

By Lisa Brown



#### *Stress is unhealthy, but this is ridiculous*

Stressed out? It seems that most species are these days. According to a report in *Science* magazine, round alga *Volvox*, which are spherical balls of green cells found in pondwater, protect themselves from environmental stresses such as free radicals by switching from asexual to sexual reproduction. Free radicals are reactive oxygen species found in cells all the time, but when certain environmental stresses, such as a water temperature increase, occur, the radicals increase, causing a gene in *Volvox* to activate sexual reproduction. Some people bite their nails or pull their hair when stressed—hey, not so bad when compared to *Volvox*.

#### *Fidelity? Don't get your hopes up, ladies*

Voles, or meadow mice, have been known for their promiscuity, but scientists at Emory University reported in *Nature* that they may have found the solution for their frustrated female counterparts. It seems that high levels of the hormone vasopressin in their forebrain can cause male voles to leave their promiscuous lifestyle behind for their soul vole. By increasing the levels of vasopressin expression in voles, male voles stuck by their woman when tempted by other females. However, this has not yet been tested on higher-order animals.

#### *I love the smell of pheromones in the morning*

There's no designer perfume that can compete with a woman's natural body odor, according to a study conducted in Finland at the University of Jyväskylä.

Eighty-one women were asked to wear T-shirts to sleep for two nights and return them with details concerning their menstrual cycles and birth control usage. The T-shirts were then sniffed and rated in attractiveness by 43 volunteers of both genders.

The results revealed that men found a woman's natural body odor to be most attractive when mid-cycle (during ovulation) while women reported no difference in attractiveness. T-shirt participants taking birth control pills left both genders of sniffers clueless, indicating the ability of the pills to suppress those hormones that make ovulation so attractive.

Julia Kubanek, an assistant professor in Tech's School of Biology, said, "Scientists have shown that people react to smells but, what do they smell? The actual chemical that elicits this response is the real mystery here."

## FACES AT GEORGIA TECH Badminton, Barbados only part of story

By Kristin Noell  
Senior Staff Writer

There is more to graduate student Joy Brathwaite than meets the eye. The stories she tells are both engaging and charming.

An international student from Barbados, Brathwaite received her undergraduate degree from Tech in Aerospace Engineering. She is now getting her Master's degree in Economics.

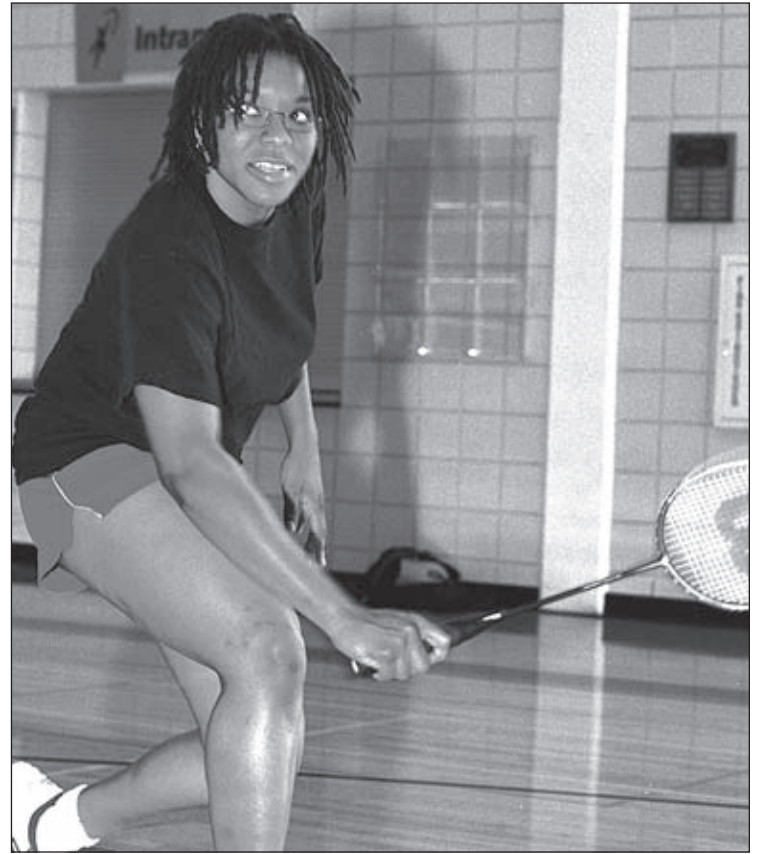
"I honestly don't think I had ever really liked engineering," Brathwaite admitted, "but I didn't fully realize it until probably my third year of engineering when I took an economics course...It was really interesting to me."

At the time, she was on a four-year scholarship, paid for by the Barbados government, to attend college abroad. Brathwaite was one of five students out of approximately 2,000 who got the scholarship that year.

However, because the scholarship only covered four years of school, and changing a major involved a hassle of paperwork and phone calls, Brathwaite went ahead and finished her Aerospace Engineering degree.

Brathwaite chose to attend college in the States because, she said, she needed a change from Barbados. There, "You go to school with the same people from the time you're 11 until the time you're 18," she said, "Some people I went to school with from the time I was three, literally."

However, Brathwaite hasn't entirely been able to escape the people she grew up with: on several occasions, she has recognized people in the United States that she's seen around the island. Surprisingly, there are two or three Barbadians at Tech. Most go to Florida, however, where there is a strong Caribbean culture, or to New York.



By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Joy Brathwaite, a graduate student in Economics, is a badminton champion. She's also an international student from Barbados, where, she says, things are "more relaxed" than they are in the States.

When she arrived in the States, Brathwaite first went to North Carolina A&T State University, where the transition was "a slight culture shock...here you have things like fraternities, sororities, etc. We don't really have that kind of cliquy stuff [in Barbados]."

That was not the only change from life back on the island.

"I think we're a bit more relaxed, laid back and sometimes not as driven, necessarily," she said, though she said this may be because of economic opportunities available on the island, "We're not, 'Oh man, I'm going to

be a CEO.' It's like, 'Okay, I'm just going to go get a job and enjoy my life'...it's also not as stressful. And that's awesome."

On the other hand, she said, "because it's a bit more relaxed, it takes forever to get anything done." In Barbados, "People have no concept of time."

Barbados is also a primarily tourist island. "It's interesting living on a tourist island," Brathwaite said, "because when you're young, they're always telling you the island's great-

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## Jobs

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Chemical Engineering student, Dance said, "I know many people in my program who applied, since the 2002-03 job market was pretty bad for engineers." Though Dance said he would have gone to graduate school anyway, the lack of positions motivated him to go ahead and get an advanced degree to better his skills and job chances.

But Dance feels that this year's atmosphere has changed. "Now it looks like the market is picking up," he said.

However, it may still be too early to tell whether the optimism is justified. This year, the Office of Graduate Admissions still saw a slight increase in graduate applications as compared to 2002.

"There are still some trends leading us to believe that there are still job market issues," Potts said.

Forexample, the number of graduate applications from U.S. students, as opposed to international students, is significantly higher this year than in 2002. "That would indicate

that something within the country was the trend," Potts said.

However, Mobley noted that for many Tech students, the motivation for going to graduate school may be for reasons other than a bad economy.

Mobley said the percentage of Tech students planning to go on to an advanced degree is well above the national average as well. In addition, many technical fields, such as biomedical engineering, may almost require an advanced degree.

Marleigh Norton, a master's student in Human-Computer Interaction, spent several years working before going back to graduate school.

"After a bit in industry, I realized there [are] some things I needed to learn in order to progress," she said. "People kept expecting me to know graphic design, how to write a paper, how to design an experiment, etc, and I didn't, so I came back to school. The industry experience gave me a very grounded set of goals for grad school, which would help me in the ultimate goal of being highly employable in industry when I was done."

Stephanie Lucero, a December 2003 graduate in Civil Engineering, had a full-time job offer, but turned it down to start a master's in Environmental Engineering. "I've co-oped and been in the real world," Lucero said. "I really like the student lifestyle and being in a learning environment."

Graduate school may also be more necessary for those needing a visa.

Mobley said, "The job market for international students is very difficult and particularly so for undergraduates. For them, graduate school is more necessary to be competitive in the job market and to be eligible for sponsorships."

The job market may be getting better for these students

as well, however.

Nisha Javia, an Electrical Engineering graduate from May 2004, is optimistic. "I have been getting numerous responses from companies for interviews; I have also gotten four job offers so far with a decent starting salary and good perks," Javia said. "I would say that the job market looks much better than it did a year ago. I do not think that people are starting grad school to escape the rough job market."

"In fact, I know a couple of friends who...want to enjoy the carefree student life for a bit more before entering the boring and monotonous work life," Javia said.

## Junior's competes with Tech Square, SC Commons restaurants

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friendly." The prices even include drinks with unlimited refills, "so you can get a grilled cheese and drink Coke until [you] slosh out of here."

This is not the first time that Junior's has adjusted its strategy to accommodate competing businesses. Pizzeria parlors, delis, and other restaurants that have opened up near campus have impacted the customer base, and Junior's has responded with improved prices, customer service, and employee friendliness.

"Sometimes the friendliness is the one item that differentiates your business from a business that [sells] the same thing," Klemis said. "And at Junior's, I feel our employees do that naturally, or it comes naturally."

Many students who frequent the restaurant agree that this strategy is what makes Junior's a continuing success.

"I like the food they offer (especially breakfast and lunch), and the service is very personal," said Ashley Smith, a fourth-year History, Science and Technology major. "When I come back after a break, they ask me what I've been doing. They also have nice treats like warm chocolate chip cookies."

Vimawala agreed. "It's peaceful, when there's not a crowd, and the booth seats have good lighting from the windows," he said.

"When it gets cold, Junior's is the place to go for a warm cup of soup," Smith added. "Everyone should go by and say hi to [Klemis]!"

Some students cite its convenient location to study or to hold group meetings.

"Junior's is a great place for



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Tommy Klemis, the owner of Junior's, is thankful for the loyal students, faculty and staff who frequent his restaurant. However, the number of customers has dwindled to around 300-350 each day.

student organizations to meet up," said Chelsea Morrissey, a sixth-year Computer Science major. "Omega Phi Alpha regularly has dinners at Junior's before our meetings... [Also,] the atmosphere at Junior's is relaxed, which makes studying easier."

But avid fans of Junior's have not justified their loyalty without doing their homework, and some can systematically discount the other restaurants one by one.

"St. Charles is over-priced, and the service is horrible," Vimawala said. "Ribs N' Blues has okay food, but the environment is very appealing. Moe's has good prices for bad food."

"Tin Drum is really boring. I think the Student Center has better burritos. The iced tea place was kind of strange. Starbucks is Starbucks," Pilsch said.

While some students argue over how much business Junior's will lose in the long run, most agree that the restaurant is not going anywhere.

"As more students have classes in Tech Square, Junior's will become

less convenient," Smith said. "However, there are still lots of students and faculty who like what Junior's has to offer. I think that organizations will still get together for dinner there, and students who need something quick between classes will keep going to Junior's."

Klemis echoed the common sentiment that Junior's is an important Tech tradition.

"What I would like to do is [use] our walls to show Tech scenes of the past... Traditions can evaporate very quickly if you don't spend the energy and the effort to keep [them] alive," he said.

Despite the increased competition, Klemis applauds the recent campus expansions. "It's definitely a great campus with great student life now," he said. "And, of course, with that culture thing, we're trying to find a way to be part of that student life."

"It's more personal," Pilsch agreed. "The places at Tech Square seem really corporate."

Furthermore, he added, "The chicken fingers, they are awesome."

### THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



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## Tech Up Close

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Last week's Tech Up Close: Cabling on the outside of the Student Health Center



Last week's winner: Linda Whitenton



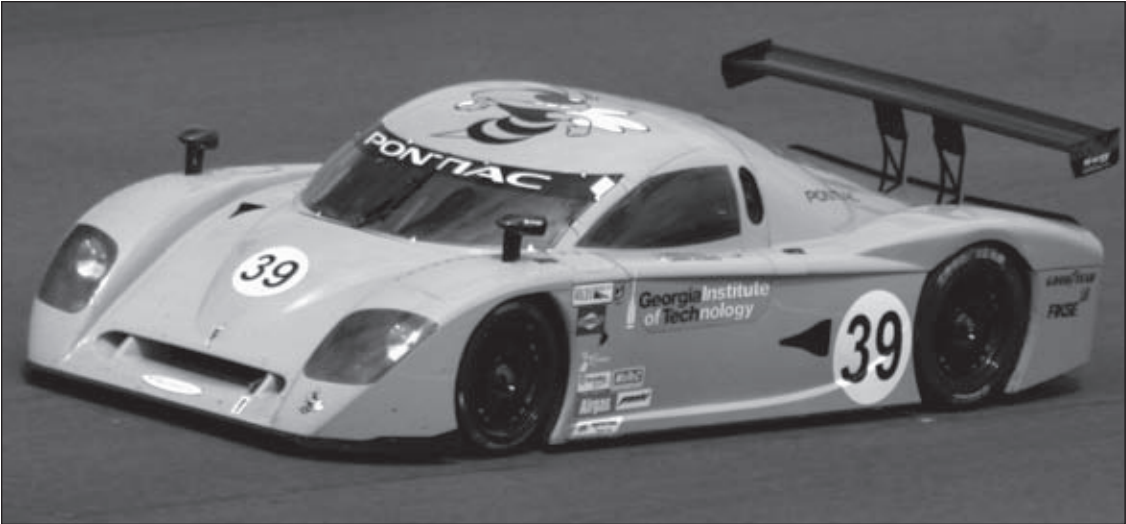


Photo courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

Three Tech students, Scott Flanagan, Matt Stephens and Kevin Bray, got a chance to join the Silverstone pit team. Their racecar is called the Spark, and sports the Institute’s logos and colors.

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Stephens, who has since left Silverstone for a position with Honda Performance Development, assisted Flanagan in some of these endeavors, but much of his attention was on the crew itself.

“I was the re-fueler on pit stops, and I did whatever needed doing in the garage to prepare the car,” he said.

While Stephens was busy with refueling, Bray manned the fire extinguisher. “I also suggest changes to the spring rates, shocks, anti-roll bars, and aerodynamics to decrease lap times and improve drivability,” he said.

The Spark is a number 39 Crawford-manufactured Daytona Prototype. Racing at speeds up to 190

miles per hour, the Tech car is a flat-bottomed, closed-cockpit vehicle with a 5.4 liter, 500 horsepower, V-8 engine. It has appeared in the Miami Grand Prix, where, according to Stephens, it finished 10th, and at the Phoenix International Raceway, where it qualified for 10th place.

“The car currently finishes mid-field,” Bray said. “Both the team and the chassis manufacturer are working hard to improve the performance.”

“For being a relatively new team with not a lot of crew members, I thought we did very well,” Stephens said, echoing the sentiments of his two classmates.

Stephens, Bray and Flanagan also spoke highly of their own experiences. Flanagan credited his experiences for helping him get accepted to the Masters in Motorsports

Engineering and Management program at Cranfield University in the UK. “This experience has really gotten me ready for a full career in professional racing.”

Bray cited similar benefits. “It has added to my experience with testing and tuning race cars,” he said. “This will help me with my role as chief engineer for the GT Motorsports [Formula Society of Automotive Engineers, a collegiate race car design competition,] team, which I consider my most important endeavor into Motorsports.”

For Stephens, the benefits are more immediately tangible. “I’m sure this experienced helped in my getting a job with [Honda] as a Race Engineer in the Indy Racing League,” he said. “I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Silverstone team.”

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est resources are its people...we’re taught to be friendly [and] polite to tourists,” Brathwaite said.

One of the most interesting things about Brathwaite is her badminton skill.

Badminton is my first love,” she said. She started playing at age 11 when she started secondary school. She had wanted to play tennis, but they did not have a tennis team. They did have badminton. She was really bad at the beginning, she recalled. “I couldn’t even hit the shuttle.”

That didn’t stop her from making the Junior National team around age 14, however. In her third year, the team got a bronze in the Caribbean Championships. Brathwaite continued to improve: towards the end of her time on the junior team, she won the National Mixed Doubles title; she made the Senior National team around age 17, and during her first year, she won the doubles title.

Most impressively, she finished second in the Junior Girls’ Doubles at the Pan-American Championships in 1996.

While on the National team, Brathwaite got to do a lot of traveling, visiting Trinidad, Curacao, Puerto Rico and California for

tournaments.

Brathwaite also remembers being in Puerto Rico during a hurricane, which she and some of her friends watched from their hotel balcony while coconut trees were snapping in half and winds were howling. “I thought it was spectacular, [but] some people were scared.”

The hurricane may have reminded her of life in Barbados. “That’s what I think of, growing up in Barbados,” she said. “Just being in the sea and stuff like that...I remember one time I was in the middle of the sea [with] these little fish, and they started diving out of the sea, and I was in the middle of them and all the sudden I saw this flying fish chasing them, and he came out of the sea and spread his wings right in front of me. It was awesome; it was spectacular.”

Both of those adjectives could describe Brathwaite, who is now involved in Tech’s badminton club, hapkido, and her job at the Center for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL), which pairs grad students with high school teachers. She works at Tri-Cities High School, and she describes herself as a resource for the teachers and the students, who she encourages to attend college and helps prepare them for the challenge.

“It’s interesting living on a tourist island, because... we’re taught to be friendly [and] polite to tourists.”

**Joy Brathwaite**  
Econ grad student



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## BACK TO NORMAL

Grad school applications seem to be down from last year. Could this reflect an improving job market? Page 9

## EAT YOUR VEGETABLES

Two Bits Man explores the rift between college students and healthy eating. Page 17

# Sneakers from all walks of life visit Atlanta

By Erin Gatlin  
Contributing Writer

If you're a typical college student, chances are that you own at least one pair of sneakers. They may be that ratty old pair of Nikes you just can't throw out. Perhaps they're sleek designer-wear, or that pair of Converse you just couldn't stop doodling on in the middle of Calc I.

The fact is, the sneaker is more than just a shoe, it's become a cultural icon, and this past weekend, an exhibition that reveled in this phenomenon visited Atlanta.

In the heart of Little Five Points, at More Dusty than Digital Records, the Sneaker Pimps traveling exhibit began Friday night and continued through Sunday.

Large numbers of visitors came in to see the exhibit, many attracted from the sidewalk simply by the spectacle they saw in the window.

The fake brick and graffiti décor, and even the DJ, loud as he was, were overpowered by the mass of shoes filling the space—shoes covered in glitter and sequins, painted shoes, shoes hanging from the ceiling, shoes converted into radios.

Zach Smith, who created one of the art pieces in the show, spoke

to the *Technique* about his work, *Untitled Shoe Sculpture*.

"Brady [the local coordinator for the show] asked me to do something with a shoe, so I did. I asked if a sculpture was okay, because I've always wanted to try that," he said.

Smith normally paints, but his sneaker piece is a white sculpted form containing a shoe and created using concrete, wood, plaster, wire and paint.

Some of the art in the show was purely aesthetic, such as a shoe with grass and flower cutouts.

Others had more political statements to make, such as a shiny all-black shoe with handcuffs through the laces and "is it

cause i'm black" written down the side.

Another shoe, which had a mini-television placed inside, was playing footage of workers making footwear, with the title "Who are you stepping on?"

Not all the contents of the exhibit were art pieces; collectible shoes were also on display, such as sneakers signed by celebrities like Jay Z. and Marc Ecko (of Ecko Clothing Company).

The show's founder, Peter Fahey, cited one of the collector's item shoes as a favorite—a Nike created in



By Chinhoon Shin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Sneaker Pimps takes its collection of shoes-turned-art on the road, stopping in cities all over the country. The exhibit pays tribute to sneaker culture, displaying rare, autographed and unique footwear.**

conjunction with the music group N.E.R.D. of which only 1,000 pairs were ever produced.

The show also featured other items related to sneakers—painting of shoes, decorated shoeboxes and a few Nike jackets were prominently displayed.

Fahey claims his show has been "very successful" since its beginnings

two years ago, drawing crowds "depending on the size of the sneaker culture in the city" where it is hosted at the time.

He's put on around 35 exhibits, with support from "all kinds of artists [and] all shoe companies" such as Nike, Adidas, Puma and others.

Asked what inspired him to create such a unique show as Sneaker

Pimps, Fahey said that he was "inspired by urban youth culture" to put it together.

Looking at what he has pulled together, it's easy to see how the sneaker can epitomize a culture, and how an art exhibit can make you see that culture (and your footwear) in a whole new way.

# Embark on lucid vacation to *Garden State*

By Evan Zasoski  
Senior Staff Writer

I saw *Garden State*, the debut opus as a writer-director-star Zach Braff, the other day. So, I've got that going for me, which is nice. Seriously, this is a really good movie and needs to be on everyone's required viewing list. Like, go. Now. The freaking newspaper can wait.

The short synopsis of the story is that it's about Braff, whose character has been on a cornucopia of behavioral modifiers since he was nine, going off his meds and finally coming to terms with life and with his psychiatrist dad after his mother's untimely drowning in the tub.

Back and forth between gut-busting and heart wrenching, Braff's story is about a man finally learning to feel again after having spent his entire adult life—and most of his childhood—under the influence of everything from Paxil to lithium.

While on his vacation from medication, Braff's character, Andrew Largeman, befriends Natalie Portman's Sam—an adorable, epileptic, pathological liar in a pink hoodie.

Sam lives in a house crisscrossed by hamster tubes, inhabited by a small pack of dogs and, notably, her adopted brother, Titembay, a criminal investigation major at Rutgers on a quest to solve the case of which hound has been peeing on his Gamecube.

Being back in town for the first time in nine years, Largeman—'Large' to most—reacquaints himself with many of his old high school friends, a couple of grave-robbing grave-diggers, the millionaire-but-

bored-to-tears-by-success inventor of silent velcro, and a quasi-Oedipal, Klingon speaking knight who works at Medieval Times.

The eclectic cast of characters is one of the factors that really makes

this movie work, because, frankly, you haven't seen comedy until you've seen a tragically hip mom try to make peace between her son and the knight

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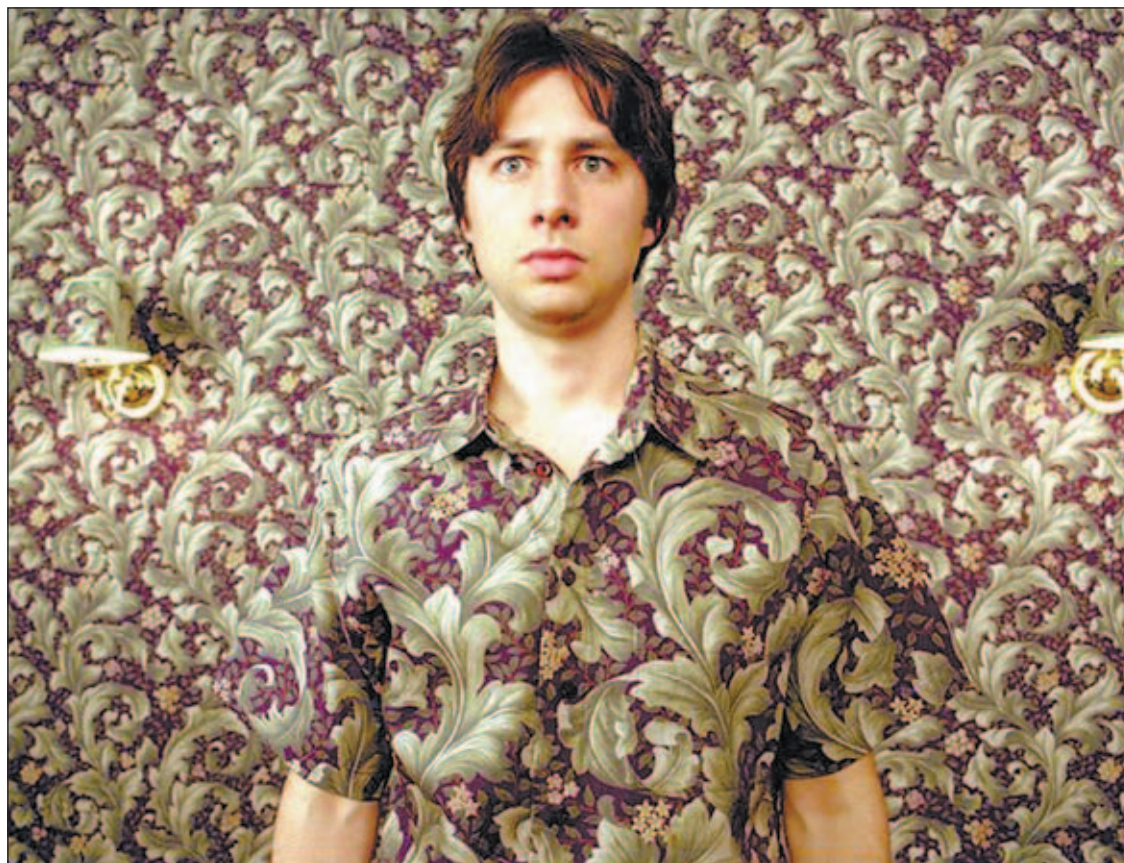


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**Andrew Largeman (Braff) returns to his hometown in the *Garden State* for the first time in 9 years and experiences life without antidepressants for the first time in this unique comedic drama.**

## Indulge in Festivities of Soul

The weekend of Sept. 4, Turner Field hosts the Southeast's largest festival for soul, hip-hop and R&B. Performers at Atlanta's first annual Soulfest include Big Boi and friends, LL Cool J, Outkast and Chaka Khan. Tickets cost \$41 for a one day pass and \$54 for the whole weekend.

## Fox presents *Dreamcoat*

The Fox Theater is running *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at 8 p.m. every night through Sunday. These will be the last performances of the 2004 summer season. The performance features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Tickets run \$28 to \$50.

## It's fun to stay at the YMCA

That's right, your favorite seventies disco extravaganza is coming to town. This Friday at 8 p.m. at the Mable House Amphitheater the Village People will be rocking your socks clean off. You know you can't resist such classics as "In the Navy" and "Macho Man." Tickets run \$15 to \$40.



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in, quite literally, shining armor with whom he went to high school and she hooked up last night.

Then there's Largeman's father, played by Ian Holm. He's a psychiatrist who firmly believes in the principle of medicating oneself happy and is the primary reason why Andrew's medicine cabinet looks like a forest of little orange trees.

Holm, as always, turns in a command performance. Though, given that he is the principal player in a major story arc, he receives relatively little screen time, which is a shame.

If I were to make a list of things that I didn't particularly like about the film, it would be a pretty short one. However, in the interest of fairness, I'll give it the old college try.

Firstly, the film can be a tad

ham-handed at times, and there are a couple of lines in it that'll take you right out of the movie if you let them. But, I've got to cop to the fact that I'm reaching here in the interest of a fair review.

Unless you have a pathological aversion to the maudlin or are just completely incapable of suspending disbelief for even a second, you really should be in for a treat.

All things considered, *Garden State* really is one of those movies that everyone just needs to go out and see. It's shot beautifully.

It's back and forth between hilarious and poignant and somehow pulls off both. And to top it all off, Natalie Portman is adorable.

So this weekend, when it's a choice between banal blockbusters, sad prequels and artless pairings of once-great movie monsters, pick D and check out *Garden State* instead.

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**TWO BITS**  
*Eating healthfully the Two Bits Man way: a guide to fruits, vegetables and slacking off*

So, the Two Bits Man has been at Tech long enough to fall into the college lifestyle of eating badly and consuming too much caffeine. This is horrible, because some day I'm gonna grow up and not get the spectacular health care that we get as Tech students.

After all, that's the great thing about college. When eating Papa John's five days a weeks demands angioplasty, it's just a two-hour wait away.

So, that being said, I've been on a health kick recently. For starters, I've been eating a lot more fresh fruits and vegetables, and I have come to one conclusion: fruit

is not condu-

cive to the geek lifestyle.

Eating fruit requires more commitment than marriage, or joining the military. Sure, you can have a marriage annulled after five minutes, or you can go AWOL from the Army. After all, those only cause legal problems.

On the other hand, bite into an apple, you're stuck. If you touch the keyboard with your apple-eating hand, you've ruined the keyboard's perfect feel, and as any geek will tell you, once you have found that right keyboard, you can't part with it.

On that first bite, you've released sticky apple juice and shot your

typing to hell.

Since I'm right handed, I always eat fruit with my left hand, so I can keep my right hand unsticky for using my keyboard and mouse, but alas, no! Gone is the left shift key! Gone are the two most common vowels in the English alphabet!

In fact, as I am sitting here, eating an apple while I type, I accidentally left the “f” out of shift the first time I typed it.

So, there you have it folks. Computers are the real reason that college students eat badly.

Sure, some of you are saying, "Well, duh! Put down the apple to type," but God forbid you do that. It gets goo all over your desk, and then the North American ant population has descended upon your office, and your boss will want to know what you did.

Not to mention, biting into an apple starts the death clock of tastiness. In a matter of minutes, the apple is brown and destroyed.

Geeks can't bear to be without their computers for the whopping ten minutes required to eat an apple. I know. This destroys me emotionally every time I eat an apple in my office.

At this point, it seems obvious that I must devote the remainder of my life to building a robotic apple holder that is controlled by thought alone.

Sure, direct neural interfaces could be put to other computing uses, but I really think that the world would be better with the thought controlled robotic apple holder.

After all, I can't go having ten minutes of office productivity taken to eat something healthy. That completely destroys my image of being stuck to my computer. Dammit, I need my image. After all, the Two Bits Man can't go getting soft on geekiness.

If I start taking breaks from my computer to eat healthfully, everything'll go downhill. Next thing you know, I'll be typing with one of those funky ergonomic keyboards and listening to Yanni while I check my email.

The next change I've decided to make is to seriously reduce my caffeine. It occurred to me that I'd become a slave to diet drinks. In the average day at the office, I had been going through about four a day.

Not that there's anything wrong with getting little sleep and peeing a lot if that's your thing, but it occurred to me that I don't want to be a slave to caffeine, so Coca-Cola and PepsiCo will just have to deal with the layoffs since I've stopped buying their products.

I actually decided to lower the caffeine during the break, so now that school has begun again, I am slowly learning how to deal with this decaf way of life.

At least now, I can use overwhelming tiredness as an excuse

for being a slacker. Second week of school, and I've already skipped my first class.

It's an 8 a.m. class, and my excuse is that I'm healthier. Back in the days of high caffeine, my only excuse for not showing to class was being lazy, but dammit, I'm gonna live longer, and if that requires not going to class, then that's just a risk I'm gonna have to take.

Let's review. If you stop using your computer, then you can eat

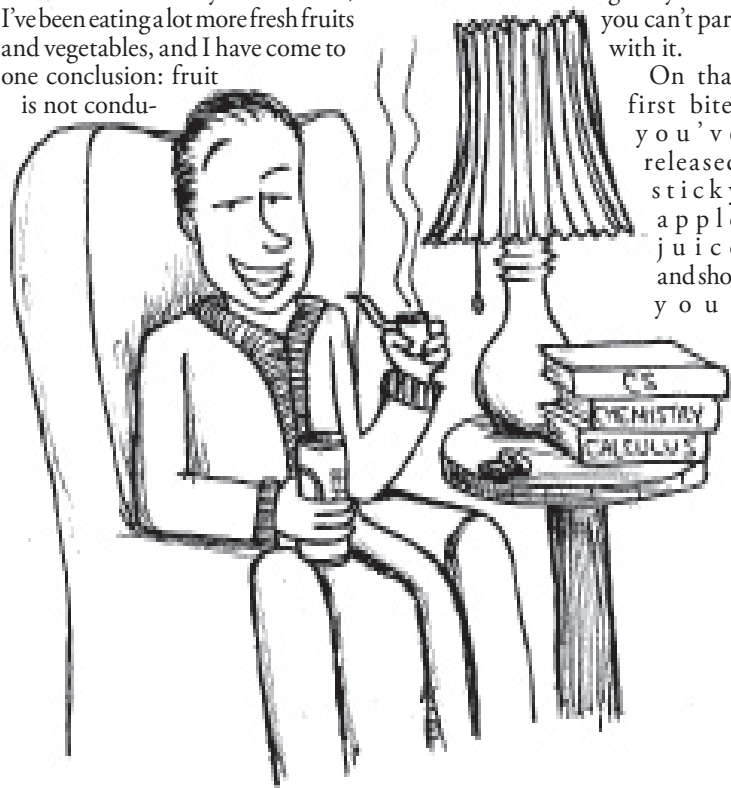
healthy fruits and vegetables. Feel free to reference this article the next time you have a Java program due and you don't use your computer. You can tell the professor that noted

academic, Two Bits Man, is keeping you healthier.

Likewise, the next time you skip an 8 a.m. class where attendance is taken, again, remember that cutting caffeine will make you live longer. If you take the Two Bits approach, you're guaranteed to live a long and stress-free life.

If that doesn't work, you can always transfer to a liberal arts school. I hear that everyone in the arts practices the Two Bits technique. Until I stop using my own computer, this is the Two Bits Man wishing you graduation in less than 10 years and a long life.

“Geeks can’t bear to be without their computers for the whopping ten minutes required to eat an apple.”



## ACC

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news, and that's what they'll be seeing for the next for the next four or five years." Most importantly, the winner of the ACC title game will earn an automatic berth in a Bowl Championship Series game.

Determined in October of 2003, the scheduling for the eleven-team conference for the 2004 football season features rotations similar to its eleven-member counterpart, the Big Ten. This features playing one rival annually and rotating among the other ten teams in seven games.

ACC scheduling features annual rivalries like the Big Ten, but revolves around its three "powerhouse" teams, Miami, Virginia Tech and Florida State. Four teams, Virginia, North Carolina, North Carolina State and Wake Forest will play all three "powerhouse" teams in a home-and-home series, which means that one team will host the other in 2004 and vice versa in 2005. The remaining four teams, Tech, Maryland, Clemson, and Duke, will play two of the three

"powerhouses" in a home-and-home series. For this season at least, Tech lucked out in its scheduling. It faces only two of the three "powerhouses"—both at home. The refurbished schedule features one less non-conference opponent, still maintains the Turkey Day rival match-up against UGA and ACC match-ups against everyone but Florida State and Wake Forest.

With the two-year home-and-home series that go into effect this year, it makes sense for the Eagles to come into the league in 2006, when the ACC will revamp its schedule once again to accommodate twelve teams and two divisions as well as an ACC Championship game, which

is already scheduled to be hosted by Jacksonville, Florida in 2006 when the crucial twelfth member of the ACC is officially admitted.

Because the focus during expansion seems to be more inclined towards football, (actually, it is because football is the most lucrative sport in the NCAA) other college sports, especially basketball, could end up being forced into accepting the two division layout in a couple of years, which many coaches have already spoken out against.

Coach Krzyzewski of Duke, seemingly the spokesperson against ACC expansion for college basketball, claims that "I don't think we have any say at all... If it's going to be done then the coaches won't have a say."

Krzyzewski argued that the two division format does away with some key rivalries. Thus, the new format would restrict teams from playing all the members of the conference, which Maryland coach Gary Williams concurred with claiming that he didn't want to lose home-and-home rivalries with Duke and

North Carolina.

Other sports like women's volleyball will play all their ACC opponents twice except for Clemson and Virginia Tech, who the Lady Jackets will face only once each this season. Ranked first in the conference as they look to defend their title against the new members in the conference, Coach Bond Shymansky recognizes his team needs to step it up even from last season's valiant run to the Elite 8 in Hawaii.

"We have a lot of work to do and for us to be the top seed at the end of the season is going to be very difficult because there are so many strong teams this year in our conference," he said.

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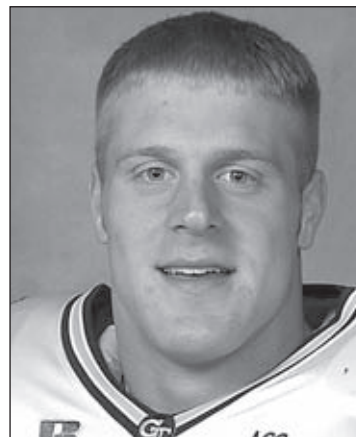
**Mike Krzyzewski**  
Duke basketball coach

# faces in the crowd

## CHRIS REIS Junior Linebacker - Football

Standing six feet tall, and weighing in at 215 lbs, this native of Roswell, Ga. has earned the nod to be starting linebacker this season after spending the last two years as a backup strong safety. He also lettered for special teams work as a freshman. It will be his job to fill the void left by Keyaron Fox and Darryl Smith.

Last year, he posted 37 tackles with six for a loss and saw his greatest playing time against NC-State and Tulsa, often coming in as a sixth defensive back and working in a hybrid linebacker position. However, his best moments came when Reis recovered the NC State fumble on kick-off and converted a fake punt in Tech's victory over Auburn.



## JESSICA SALLINGER Senior Pitcher - Softball

The school record holder in career wins, strikeouts, shutouts, ERA, innings pitched, games started and complete games, Sallinger is only 13 strikeouts shy of breaking the ACC record for career strikeouts. She has twice been named to the All-Southeast Region team and an All-ACC Pitcher.

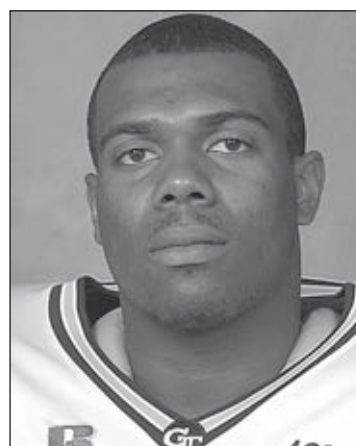
Last year, she finished eighth in the nation in strikeouts per game (10.23), ninth in wins and 16th in earned run average (0.82). Sallinger became only the second pitcher in ACC history to surpass 1,000 strikeouts ending her junior year with 1,025. As a senior in high school, she posted a perfect 0.00 ERA, led her alma mater, Harrison, to a state title and was named Georgia Pitcher of the year.



## MARK LOGAN Senior Backup Quarterback - Football

Virtually unknown to most Tech fans, Logan will be serving as the back-up quarterback for the Yellow Jackets this year. After having bounced between both wide receiver and quarterback in his career and worked at both during Spring Practice, this fifth year senior will focus solely on quarterback from now on.

Logan had one of last season's biggest plays with a diving 26-yard touchdown catch in Tech's upset win over Auburn. He also had a seven yard reception against Vanderbilt during Tech's last minute, game-tying drive that forced overtime. Logan was named the 1999 South Carolina Player of the Year by USA Today and selected Mr. Football by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association.



## W&amp;G

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effort to find out when the next swim meet will be held at Tech than trying to figure out if there is a football game on Saturday, mainly because the teams do not have large budgets for advertising or the as large of a fan base as others, but these athletes and their teammates deserve the campus' support.

Tech boasts a great track and field team, which usually holds an outdoor invitational in the spring. The rivalries are intense, and the competitors are certainly world-class athletes. Even if you don't have a lot of free time, the 100-meter dash only takes about ten seconds.

The swimming and diving program has also produced great results. Since Tech has a state of the art facility, it is able to host a multitude of meets throughout the season. This year, the ACC Men's and Women's Championships as well as the NCAA Zone Diving Championships are coming to campus along with a major invitational and several other meets starting in October.

So, when you're looking for a good way to take a break from the rigors of Tech, take a look at the softball schedule, the track and field slate or the swimming and diving calendar; you might find that there is an exciting, high-caliber competition just a few minutes away.

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more moves to my arsenal.

**Nique: How do you balance the academics at Tech with football?**

P.J.: It's pretty tough. If you ask any regular students or anybody I'm always in the library. At lunch, I eat and run to the library. I just get my books and stay studying. That's what I do most of the time. I usually try and set my schedule up so that I can have MWF classes and have Tuesday and Thursday off, but this semester I wasn't able to do it, and I had to have one class on Tuesday and Thursday, so Tuesday and Thursday is my day to rest and catch up with my reading and stay ahead. Because once you fall behind it's tough to catch back up. My major is Business Management and my minor is Organic Chemistry, so I have to keep up with that.

**Nique: What is your favorite thing about Tech?**

P.J.: My favorite thing about Tech would have to be the students. I try to get the students to smile. One thing that I read through an email, "The one thing that you can always give is a smile. You can pass it along and it can go a long way." I think that's my life application to the students. Some of them are antisocial, but I try to break the mold by smiling at them and saying hello every once in awhile, after that because that will

take you a long way. One smile can have you smiling for the rest of the year. That's what I try to do.

**Nique: What's your least favorite thing about Tech?**

P.J.: My least favorite thing about Tech would have to be the academic standards. The tests here are pretty hard, and it's not like you can slack off because as soon as you slack off your grades will go down. You have to stay on top of it. It's like my schedule. It's so tight. I enjoy it because it keeps me busy, but I would enjoy a break somewhere here and there.

**Nique: Who is the vocal leader on the team?**

P.J.: I'd have to say Andy Tidwell-Neal. He's the vocal leader of this team. He's the center and he gets everything started and tells the team to get together.

**Nique: You aren't just saying that because he's one of your linemen and right there?**

P.J.: No. Oh yes, another vocal leader is Darius Williams. He's a senior and a good leader. Both of our vocalists are seniors.

**Nique: Will Darius Williams be the starting tight end this year?**

P.J.: Yeah, he is. He's been running with the one's and I don't think that they will change it up because he's doing real good.

**Nique: What has been the hardest thing for you to do in life?**

P.J.: Actually, my great-grandmother passed, and my best friend just passed a couple of days ago. I went to his funeral. The hardest thing for me was to cope because he was my best friend since we were two years old, it's kind of hard for me now that he's gone. It's just not the same. Him being there one minute and gone the next is probably the toughest thing for me to deal with. Other than that, everything

happens for a reason. This year I'll be dedicating the season to him and my great grandmother. That's one of the hardest things for me to deal with is someone dying.

**Nique: What is your favorite football memory?**

P.J.: My favorite football memory was in the Auburn game, when Darius Williams caught the 20-something yard catch, because when I first came here, he and I, we had our

struggles with the coaches. Both of our skills weren't good enough for our positions. When he caught the ball, I was so excited. I didn't know what to do. I didn't know if I should hug him or hit him or do whatever. I wanted to tackle him, but I think that was my most inspiring moment in football. When he caught the ball against Auburn that was just touching.

**Nique: Who has had the biggest influence on your football career?**

P.J.: I would say Barry Sanders and Walter Payton. They are two guys that I looked up to. I just loved watching those guys. They are real humble, and they do their thing with finesse and they play it cool. That's how I am, and I try to mirror them. That's just how I am.

**Nique: What does it feel like to go from virtually unknown to the Doak and Walter Camp award lists?**

P.J.: Nothing. I feel like just a regular person. You win awards and records get broken. It's a blessing to me. I'm still the same old P.J. I talked to people when I was a nobody, and now that I am somebody I still talk to people.

Football comes with fame and everybody gets their time to shine. I just enjoy seeing people happy. When my teammates are happy, I'm happy.



BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

# Olympic spotlights quickly dimmed after Games

By Kyle Thomason  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

Chances are that if you own a working television, you've probably seen the Olympics pop up quite a few times over the past couple weeks. It seems that NBC has bought hundreds of networks, simply in an effort to keep anyone from being able to escape the Games in Athens—not that this is entirely a bad thing. The Olympics have been a much more compelling drama than most of the shows they are replacing.

Michael Phelps has captivated the country with his run to six gold medals, and his best days may still be ahead of him. The Iraqi soccer team, which qualified without the benefit of a home field, made it to the semifinals before suffering a setback. The U.S. Softball squad won the gold

medal, only allowing one run, total, in nine games. Carly Patterson drew comparisons to Mary Lou Retton during her all-around gold medal run, and Paul Hamm stands on top of the men's gymnastic world.

As an Olympic fan, I'm thrilled by all of these great storylines. Making it even better is the fact that there are several Tech students and alumni competing in Athens. As I've followed these Tech athletes of past and present in competition, a pair of questions has popped into my head.

First of all, whose idea was it to put Tech alum Stephon Marbury on the U.S. Basketball team? Marbury is a good NBA player, but he is the embodiment of an NBA star whose game does not translate to international competition.

The international game requires

a point guard who can distribute the ball to teammates and knock down open shots; for a good example of this, watch Puerto Rico's Carlos Arroyo, or think of John Stockton.

Marbury is the complete opposite of this description; he likes to move the ball by dribbling—a lot—which is frowned upon in this arena. Most of his scoring opportunities in the NBA season come from getting to the basket as a result of this dribbling. In international competition, opposing squads have a myriad of defenders positioned near the basket that take away this method of scoring points.

In Marbury's defense, he could be trying to compete with the Tech football team's outstanding community service project for Habitat for Humanity—by building a house of bricks in Athens; he has only hit

6 of his first 30 shot attempts in the Olympics.

I could go on for hours about how the creators of this "Bad Dream" Team seemed to forget the team would have to play by international rules in the Olympics, but this team still has the talent to bring home the gold medal, and there is another important question to address.

Every four years, track and field, swimming, diving and gymnastics are watched by millions of viewers during the Olympics. These sports experience incredible popularity for a couple weeks, and then they disappear for another four years.

Contrary to popular belief, athletes in these sports are not forced into a dark cave to train sixteen hours a day for overbearing coaches between Olympiads.

In fact, many of these Olympians

are college students, and quite a few of them compete for their school. Considering this makes me wonder: Why do we not flock to see the same events on campus that glue us to the television during the Olympics?

At Tech, we are lucky enough to have a trio of Olympians who will compete for the Jackets this upcoming year. Incoming freshman Onur Uras, who swam for Turkey in the Olympics, will compete for the men's swimming team, and sophomore Vesna Stojanovska of Macedonia will swim for the women. Junior Chaunte Howard, who is set to high jump for the U.S. squad after finishing second in the Olympic Trials, will be jumping for the Jackets once again this year.

I admit that it takes a little more

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# ramblin' with P.J. Daniels

by Michael Clarke senior running back

Often times, in the world of sports, the underdog is the one who steps up the most. P.J. Daniels came to Tech as a walk-on to the football team out of Elsik High School in Houston, Texas. Despite having a senior season where he rushed for over 1600 yards and played in Houston's North-South game, P.J. was overlooked by most programs.

Now, the former walk-on is now on scholarship as a red-shirt junior. Last season, P.J. rushed for 1447 yards and went from relatively unknown to one of the best running backs in the country. At the end of last season, he was voted first team All-ACC, and was also named to the ACC All-Academic team.

This season, P.J. is on the Doak Campbell and the Walter Camp award lists as well as a preseason honorable mention All-American and is named as one of the top ten running backs in the country by *The Sporting News*.

P.J. sat down with the *Technique* to talk about his game, video games and more.

**Nique: What is your full name?**

P.J.: Prince Ahadzie Daniels Jr. I try to make a short sentence out of it "A-had-zie," so people can write it down. That's my whole name, and my father is the senior. A lot of people don't know that.

**Nique: What is your favorite hobby?**

P.J.: I don't know. I have so many of them. I love watching movies,

reading, playing video games with my teammates and just hanging out. I don't have just one favorite hobby.

**Nique: What video games are you playing currently?**

P.J.: We are always playing Halo. We hook up four consoles to the one Internet connector and we just go at it.

**Nique: What's it like being able to play yourself in video games?**

P.J.: It's like a dream come true. I purchased NCAA 2005 not too long ago, and I play with myself. I think that they robbed me a little bit on some of my attributes. I kind of enhance them a bit, but other than that I enjoy it. It's a dream come true. It's a blessing.

**Nique: How is the offensive line coming along?**

P.J.: They are just getting banged up right now, but they'll be good when the season starts.

**Nique: How do you think the team will do this year?**

P.J.: I think that the outcome will be good. I think that this will be a good year for us. Things are going to be great, we just need to focus and believe and keep taking every game like a playoff game. Like Coach Gailey said, "you have to take it one game at a time."

**Nique: Which game are you looking forward to the most?**

P.J.: All of them. I treat all of them the same, and I prepare the same for all games. If I had to choose one, I'd probably have to say Maryland. There is something about Maryland where I

think that the team has a little inside rivalry with Maryland. It's a team that we anticipate to play well.

**Nique: Who do you think will step up and have a good season that may be under the radar?**

P.J.: I'd have to say Nate Curry, Christopher Woods, Levon Thomas and definitely my linemen. The defensive players will also be real good. You have to have your eyes open for Dawan Landry, and definitely for Gerris Wilkinson and Chris Reis.

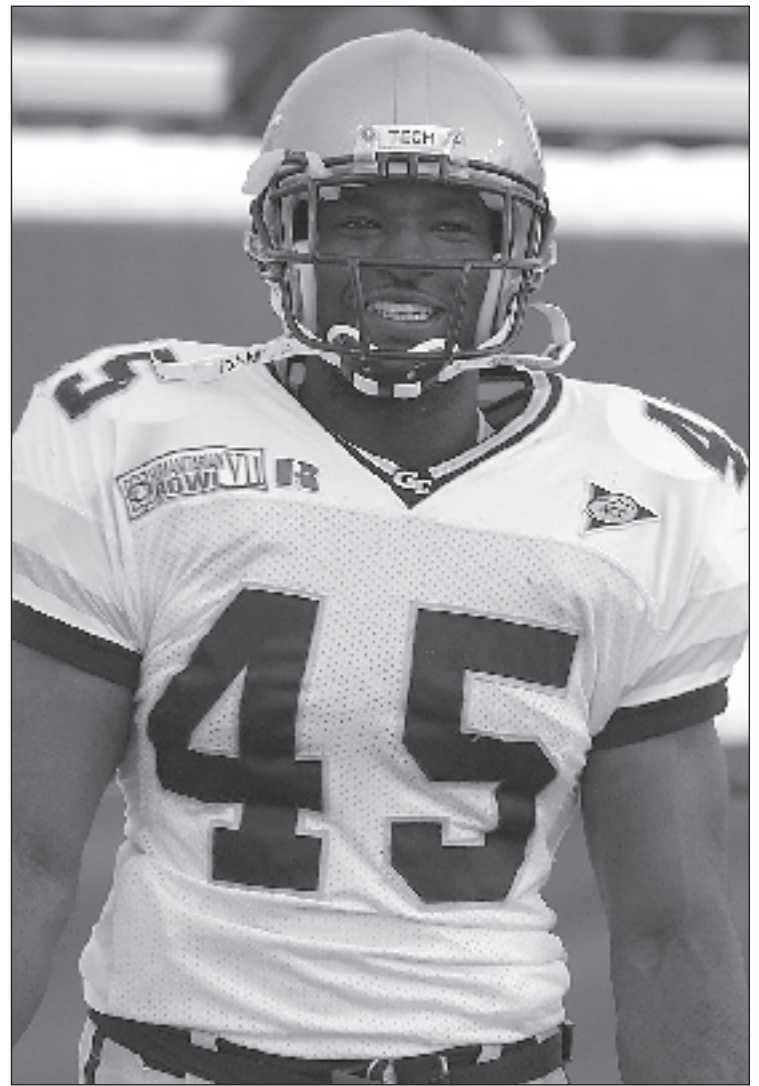
**Nique: How much pressure is there on you to do well?**

P.J.: Pressure? There was pressure last year, but pressure is just a normal day in the life of me. I'm used to it. I usually set myself up for it. I deal with pressure everyday and pressure just comes to me and I take it and run with it. I don't have any pressure. I just go out there and have fun like I do in real life.

**Nique: What have you learned from playing with and studying Chris Woods and Rashaun Grant?**

P.J.: I learned a lot. I learned how to be more agile because they bring different things to the table. As a backs committee we all bring different abilities to the table. They brought the finesse and being able to move and being able to beat people one-on-one. I kind of picked up on that. That was one of the things that I was missing to get more yards. I got 1400+ yards in 13 games and this year we play 11, so I added some

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

P.J. Daniels can always be seen breaking a smile around campus. He also has been known to break many long runs for the Jackets. Last year, Daniels rushed for 1447 yards, a career best.

## SLIVER

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First there was FTA, then FTB, now FTV... thank God for Focus Time, it's the only way I've survived this school. Of course that and the Calc I tutoring  
We're gunna play out the GPA competition all the way till the end. I may lose, but I still have the Regents Test on my side  
Biology majors are girly  
OOOOHHH OOOOOHHH.... MO-YAH  
Should be doing some kind of work... but you know... not  
Starting the "screw it" attitude early this semester  
Yarrrrrrrrrr Gay  
Sound of rain drop hitting eye  
brag-a-doosh ... it means brake dumbass  
I think Kerry is going to win  
The CRC is freakin awesome  
Damn those CS majors  
After you turn 21, it's pretty much the same life you had before only now much better because of alcohol  
Jolly Ranchers are good...  
I hope SixFlags night is as fun as it was last year... thanks to whoever came up with that idea  
I'm "The Naked Roommate" another one is "The Dirty Roommate" and the last one is "The Fancy Roommate"  
People should just give me money... I'm serious  
Caution Gas Pipeline  
Brian Regan - November 5th 8:00 pm The Roxy - Buy tickets, he's hilarious  
I hope all this stuff actually gets printed cause i'm gunna be pissed if it doesn't



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## AN OLYMPIC MEDLEY

Once every four years the sports world gets together for the Olympics, and there is never a lack of hot topics. Page 22

## GOING TO THE GARDEN STATE

The writer, director, producer and star of the movie goes back to his Jersey roots for his latest project. Page 15



## Volleyball to start season in Colorado

By Edward Tamsberg  
Sports Editor

Today the volleyball team begins their season against the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, the University of Southern California. The Yellow Jackets are one of four teams that will be participating in the prestigious NACWAA Classic.

"Being invited to this tournament really signifies that our program is considered to be one of the top teams in the country, and it's a huge opportunity for us to measure ourselves against other top programs," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky, who begins his third season as the head coach at Tech.

At 7 p.m. Tech will open the tournament against the Women of Troy, the two-time defending national champions, who return with three All-Americans in their lineup and an NCAA-best winning streak.

"Probably the biggest challenge that players have to get passed is the fear of playing a team like Southern Cal. They have so many great players that they return this year. What will be important for our team is to remember that they are just a volleyball team like we are and they will have the same anxieties and nerves that any team does since it is the first match of a new season."

Shymansky has great respect for USC. "They have so many great players that they return and even the players that are new to the lineup are going to be fantastic athletes and they



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The volleyball team gets geared up for their game against the University of Southern California during a practice in O'Keefe gym. The Jackets return six starters from last year's Elite Eight squad. They will be tested in a hurry this season, as they battle the Women of Troy.

will rely heavily on their seniors to step up and anchor their team this weekend," Shymansky said.

On Saturday, the Jackets will face either Minnesota, which advanced to the Final Four last year, or Colorado State, who has won five consecutive Mountain West Conference titles.

"Minnesota really played fantastic at the end of last season and will probably enter this weekend with a great deal of confidence while

Colorado State returns every starter from last year's team and is very difficult to play on its home court. Either opponent will be a challenge for us, but also a great chance for us to measure our lineup against some of the top teams in the country," Shymansky said.

The Jackets are coming off of the most successful season in school history. They compiled a school-record 34 wins, won the ACC Regular Sea-

son and advanced to a Region Final of the NCAA Tournament.

"Certainly it's a great chance for Georgia Tech to be in the spotlight with some big-name teams, which means a lot to our program in a number of ways. In some ways, our team is probably the underdog, but in the past when Tech has been the underdog, we've risen to the occasion and played some great volleyball," Shymansky said.

## by the numbers

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The number of consecutive matches won by the University of Southern California's volleyball team, the back-to-back defending national champions. The 12th ranked Tech volleyball squad opens their season tonight at 7 pm against the top-ranked Trojans.

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Tech swimmer Vesna Stojanovska's age when she competed in her first Olympics for Macedonia in Sydney, four years ago. This Olympiad, Stojanovska competed in the 200-meter butterfly, finishing 26th. Stojanovska also finished 27th in the 400 freestyle and 34th in the 200 freestyle in Athens.

56.37

The number of seconds it took incoming freshman Onur Uras to complete the 100-meter butterfly in the preliminaries Athens. Uras finished 49th overall in the competition, representing his native country of Turkey.

## New ACC set to break the mold

By Vishal Patel  
Contributing Writer

It's almost September, and like every other year, the kickoff to fall sports is just around the corner. But unlike most, at least the last 11, the teams, coaches, and especially the fans of ACC universities are a bit perkier than they have ever been. Not since the inclusion of Florida State University in 1992 has the Atlantic Coast Conference looked in the mirror and seen a new face — this time fashioned with the recent additions of powerhouses Miami and Virginia Tech.

Both schools made the move official July 1 after almost a year of contentious legislation and prolonged talks about it. The vision, in the eyes of ACC commissioner John Swofford, is a twelve-team, two-division, dual-sport conference.

This, in the eyes of many of the most influential individuals surrounding the NCAA, would become the most-watched, most lucrative, most significant and "best" conference in all of college sports.

Back in July, Swofford said, "The ACC is stronger today than yesterday and may well be at its strongest point in history."

What was seen primarily as a basketball conference held together by the Tobacco Road schools (Duke, UNC, Wake) and a pathetic football conference in the Southeast is all but a vague and distant memory.

With the evolution of Coach Hewitt's basketball

prowess for Tech, Wake's rising upperclassmen and UNC's return to the top five, basketball will be stronger than ever.

Then with the return of eminent football glory for some schools like Virginia, Clemson, and Maryland, coupled with the additions of Miami and Va. Tech, the new ACC could not have come at a better time.

In order to make Swofford's dream a reality though, the ACC

awaits the arrival of Boston College in 2006, one of the four Big East teams that got invited to secede from the dying conference.

**"The ACC is stronger today than yesterday and may well be at its strongest point in history."**

**John Swofford**  
ACC Commissioner

With BC rounding out the crucial 12th spot, the ACC would be able to implement a lucrative conference championship game for football, which is not permitted by NCAA

standards for conferences short of the twelve-team mark.

This one game alone would bring in as much as 5.9 million dollars in revenue, in addition to other benefits such as a national audience that will help television ratings through games televised on ABC, and a bigger name in the recruiting world, will help to bring in more five-star recruits like WR Calvin Williams year after year into the ACC.

Football Head Coach Chan Gailey agreed that Jacksonville is an ideal location for the championship, claiming that "those young guys who are 13, 14, 15-years old may have no allegiance anywhere. They're looking to see whose in the

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## sports shorts

## Softball head coach to stay

Coach Ehren Earleywine has signed a three-year contract to remain head softball coach at Tech through 2007. Earleywine has guided Tech to major successes, including 47 wins last year and a third place finish in the Athens Regional. The Yellow Jackets posted their first ever wins over top ten opponents, defeating No. 9 Louisiana-Lafayette and No. 10 Georgia.

## Thompson's run on the links ends

Tech's Nicholas Thompson advanced to the final 16 in the U.S. Amateur last week, but, despite a valiant charge from five down after 10 holes, his run ended when he was eliminated, 3 and 2, by Jeff Overton of Evansville, Ind. It is the farthest a Tech player or alumnus has advanced in the U.S. Amateur since Matt Kuchar won the title in 1997 in Lemont, Ill.

## Flag Football Classic today

The annual Intramural A League tournament is being held today and Saturday. The cost is \$25 and all participants receive a T-shirt, and the winner will receive a free bid to the state flag football tournament. More information can be found at [www.crc.gatech.edu/IM](http://www.crc.gatech.edu/IM).

## Taylor fails to hurdle the semis

Former Tech men's track standout Angelo Taylor did not get a chance to defend his gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles after finishing fourth in the semifinals of heat one with a time of 48.72 on Tuesday afternoon in Olympic Stadium at the Athens Olympics. Overall, Taylor ended the race in 13th place, with only the top eight runners advancing to the finals.

## Slayden stays, Owings to leave

Outfielder Jeremy Slayden has passed on an opportunity to sign a professional contract and will return to Tech for his junior season. Slayden played only nine games last year due to a shoulder injury and received a medical redshirt for the season. Pitcher/designated hitter Micah Owings has been granted his release and is free to transfer. Second baseman Eric Patterson, an 8th round draft pick of the Chicago Cubs in June, has yet to reach a decision on whether he will return to Tech for his senior season or sign a professional contract.

